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BSI Garapan dig approved

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Before the CNMI Historic Preservation Review board cast secret ballots to approve Best Sunshine International, Ltd.'s archaeological dig in Garapan, they pointed to the 261 human remains dug up by Swift Harper Archaeological Resource Consulting on the same grounds 15 years ago, recommending that the remains, which have been sitting in a rented air-conditioned room for over a decade, be reconciled with BSI's future work. **See BSI on Page 4**

» Competing stakes at HPO meeting

Driver in Garapan car crash leaves the CNMI

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Joseph Aaron Hokin, the alleged drunk driver of a Ford F150 four-door pickup truck that slammed into a power pole in Garapan, left the CNMI on Monday.

» Police say driver left to seek medical treatment

Department of Public Safety acting spokesman Jason Tarkong confirmed with *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that the 26-year-old Hokin left the Commonwealth to seek medical treatment in the U.S. mainland.

Tarkong said that Hokin was cited for reckless driving causing bodily injuries, driving under the influence of alcohol, and

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WOMEN SET GOALS FOR 2016

The last day of the Second Annual Women's Summit by the Commonwealth Women's Association ended yesterday afternoon. CWA chair Rep. Felicidad Oggumoro (R-Saipan), seen in background, listens to a group of women setting goals for changes that they—as women of the CNMI—would like to see. Other women in other groups discussed other goals for next year.

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Local

HAFADAI TO GRANDVARIO

‘Diversifying market necessitated the name change’

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In an effort to diversify its clientele, the owners of the erstwhile Hafadai Beach Hotel are changing the Garapan landmark's name to Grandvrio Resort Saipan beginning today, April 1.

General manager Akira Takaoka, through interpreter Takatoshi Namima, said the rebranding effort started as long as six months ago and was also made to reflect parent company Kinki Nihon Tourist's merger with the Route Inn Group.

“We used to mainly accommodate Japanese tourists. However, along with the entire CNMI tourism industry we have started to accommodate other market areas. The tourist industry has globalized and we have started to accommodate a wider range unlike before and we plan to promote our hotel plans under Route Inn Group, of which the Grandvrio hotel brand is under. We could meet some schedule for some targeted changes together with the hotel name,” Takaoka told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday.

Takaoka said that Route Inn Group sometimes acquires old hotels and then decides either to keep its old name or immediately change it, based on the operational needs of the property.

KNT owns Hafadai Beach Hotel and about 10 years ago Route Inn merged with KNT.

“So we took over the hotel from KNT but the name had not been changed and now the hotel name was incorporated with the Route Inn Group brands. It is not fully and globally recognized but we will promote the brand. However, Route Inn is

fully recognized nationwide in Japan,” he said.

“We would like to expect foreign traffic from other countries. I believe we will have an increase gradually. We have not implemented any kinds of major renovations for any of the premises but are planning certain renovations for the restaurant outlets and certain repair works,” he said.

Takaoka noted that they will include famous restaurants and outlets under the Route Inn brand into Grandvrio Resort Saipan as well.



JAYSON CAMACHO
Grandvrio Resort Saipan general manager Akira Takaoka stands beneath the new logo and name of former Hafadai Beach Hotel.

“As of now, this is the only hotel situated in a different country among hotels under Route Inn Group and we’re planning to expand it to other countries as well,” he said.

Takaoka said the new name will make a bigger impression in Japan when tourists see that they have a Grandvrio on Saipan.

Route Inn has 9,986 properties as of Feb. 1, 2015. They have 284 facilities that include hotels, restaurants, golf courses, and skiing facilities. Of the 284 facilities, 250 are hotels.

Takaoka said the names given to the three buildings of the former Hafadai Beach Hotel would remain the same.

Casino commissioners off to Vegas for April training

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Members of the Commonwealth Casino Commission are going to Las Vegas, Nevada to continue training in anticipation of the opening of Saipan’s first casino.

Executive director Edward Deleon Guerrero said the commissioners will undergo training from April 20 to April 24 at the University of Nevada in Las Vegas.

Unlike the previous training, this time the university has devised a “specialized training” for the commissioners, he said, based on the different regulations used in casinos in Singapore, Japan, Macau, and South Africa.

“The professors for the training are actual lawyers, who will teach gaming laws,” Guerrero said. He said the training will be eight hours a day, for five days.

He said gaming commissioners from Tinian and Rota were also invited to join.

The casino commission on Friday unanimously voted to adopt draft regulations for Saipan’s fledgling gaming industry.

The commission held a meeting to adopt “Resolution No. 2015-001” or the “Commonwealth Casino Commission Rules and Regulations.” The regulations include provisions for the collection of fees, licensing of employees, and provi-

sional licensing for vendors, among others.

A provision for junket operators is still pending, and will be tackled after another round of review by the commission.

The regulations have been subject to an “emergency adoption because of the government’s urgent need for financial resources,” the resolution states.

Deleon Guerrero said the regulations were fast-tracked to allow the Saipan casino licensee—Best Sunshine International, Ltd.—to move forward with its planned temporary “live” training facility at the T Galleria in Garapan.

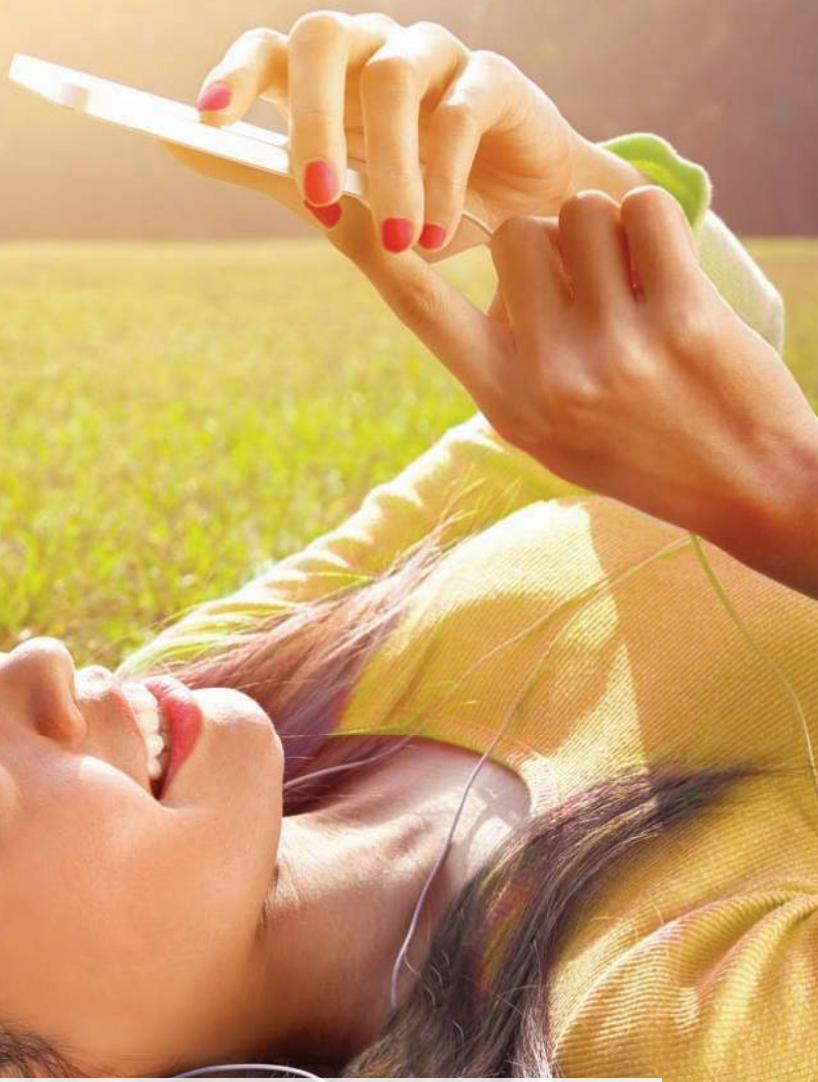
The resolution states that “[Best Sunshine] is presently unable to hire and train employees or order gaming machines or equipment in order to implement the live training operations and other gaming activities without the existence of the Commonwealth Casino Commission Rules and Regulations,

thereby hindering the job market for Commonwealth jobseekers and jeopardizing the Commonwealth’s ability to immediately collect urgently needed revenues from the casino industry.”

The adopted casino regulations will now be forwarded to the office of Gov. Eloy S. Inos.

Saipan’s first casino, albeit a temporary one, is expected to start operating sometime in June or July, according to Best Sunshine.

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Alternate grazing lands eyed for Tinian cattlemen

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Marine Forces Pacific executive director Craig B. Whelden said they are currently working with the Tinian Cattlemen's Association to find a new grazing site for their cattle and help the association retain its plans to expand beef production.

Earlier in February, MarForPac and the CNMI government signed a lease back agreement that will allow the island's ranchers the use of military lands until July 2016 following completion of the CNMI Commonwealth Joint Military Training Plan record of decision.

Whelden said a record of decision doesn't mean it is a decision to act; rather, it is a decision on what you want to do as an agency.

"Because the next step that occurs is that we then have to turn to our host, the CNMI, and say we need additional land or we don't need additional land and negotiate that in a period of time until we settle on exactly how we're going to execute this plan that we have been studying for three years," he said.

"We've been working our way through that with the Cattlemen's Association to ensure that we can provide 365-day access to land that is in the military leaseback for grazing. What we strive to do is at least find one-for-one replacement of what they currently have and that is what we're trying to do," Whelden said.

"Truth is, we're only there 20 weeks a year, which means 32 weeks a year there is nobody there except those taking care of the facilities. When we're

there we will probably have an arrangement where the cattle could graze in the area but there is a little bit of a risk because of stray rounds and so forth. But we will not put them in a direct line of fire where Marines are actually shooting so it is a slight risk," he added.

According to Tinian Cattlemen's Association secretary Lawrence Duponcheel, they continue to advocate for all farmers and ranchers on the island, especially in light of the proposed firing range complex that will be developed on the military leased lands on Tinian.

Approximately 90 percent of Tinian's farms and ranches are currently located on military leased lands. The development of these farms over the last 40 years represents local interest and investments in the island's

agricultural sector.

Duponcheel said the U.S. Department of Defense, MarForPac, Joint Region Marianas, Office of the Governor, Department of Public Lands, Tinian Mayor's Office, Tinian Legislative Delegation, and the Tinian Cattlemen's Association all support the continuation of the farmers' grazing activities.

Since the new lease agreement for Tinian's military leased lands allows for the extension of grazing permits up to July next year, the beef initiative is still a go, Duponcheel added.

MarForPac supported the extension of grazing permits to allow the ranchers to continue to avail of U.S. Department of Agriculture conservation funds. It also allowed DPL to process grazing permits up until July 2016 and for ranchers to pay for their permits.

Duponcheel noted that MarForPac representatives will be on Tinian on April 10, 2015, to consider the unveiling of the CNMI-CJMT EIS for the development of the range complex, which will identify impacts and mitigation strategies of the proposed developments.

"Director Whelden has put together a great team of professionals who have gone out of their way to develop a plan that will allow Tinian farmers to continue producing beef and other products that ultimately provide food security for civilian and military personnel alike," he said.

"Food availability and production is an important component of any military mission, and MarForPac is set to deliver a plan that truly develop the island's military capacity by incorporating food production

into the overall plan. This is consistent with what the DoD has done in other locations across the globe by allowing farms to exist within the borders of U.S. military bases. MarForPac has been a great partner in this respect. They are very mindful of the importance of our ranches to the people and to the future of military operations in the Marianas," he added.

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HPO rejects zipline project in Marpi

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The CNMI Historic Preservation review board voted down a zipline venture in Marpi west of Suicide Cliff over concerns of disturbing the "integrity" of the national landmark. This

despite approving an Honest Profit project in another landmark minutes before.

HPO found that the project "does not fit within the character or integrity" of the national historical landmark in Marpi. They recommended the project not proceed forward.

Board member Don Farrell motioned for a vote that accepted HPO's findings to not move forward with the proposed zipline project.

After five votes, three were in favor following the HPO finding, and two voted against.

The room held its breath

as HPO historian Ray Muña paused over the final vote, then said it read "no."

The votes were cast in secret.

After the tie, Farrell motioned for a re-vote, clarifying that a "no" means that the project goes forward and that a "yes" means it doesn't.

Women's Summit ends with stated goals for the year

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The 2nd Women's Summit hosted by the CNMI Women's Association successfully ended, according to vice chair Jovita Taimanao during her remarks at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe yesterday afternoon.

The summit, which ran for two days on Monday and Tuesday, brought a panel of speakers looking to empower women as leaders in the work-

force, preservers of culture, and promoters of a healthy lifestyle.

The summit highlighted the CWA's mission, which is to ensure that women are fully engaged in the political, economic, and social development of the CNMI.

On its last day, more than 60 women came together to come up with resolutions that will be unveiled at the next Women's Summit.

Rep. Felicidad Ogumoro (R-Saipan), who chairs the associa-

tion, said the resolutions, which identified issues and concerns important to women, will be analyzed and summarized toward a targeted goal that they will aim to achieve before another summit is held.

On the first day of the summit, two topics were discussed: "Empowering Women as Leaders" and "Women in the Workforce."

Yesterday the summit began at 7am and ended after 4:15pm. A panel of speakers talked about "Cultural Preservation

and Practices" and "Promoting Healthier Lifestyles."

At the end, one of the main things they want to see most in the community is to see more leadership positions for women in commissions, boards, the Legislature, and possibly as governor or lieutenant governor of the islands.

Others spoke about healthier lifestyles by pushing the 19th Legislature to pass a bill levying higher taxes on sugary products and health screening in villages.

He said the site could be "inherently a Chamorro village that came under attack" by the Spanish.

He said bones were "laid out like in a church yard," suggesting of events prior to the forced relocation of Mariana Chamorros to Guam hundreds of years ago.

"It is an important site," he said.

Rights

Board member Rechebai said it may take time, but the "best thing now is to have Best Sunshine and SHARC... sit together and come up with something that is reasonable" so the board will not be held hostage on what has been or not been found in making their decision.

He said he has been safekeeping the artifacts for the last 15 years, noting that what's missing is a forensic analysis and report on these studies.

He said his investor wanted a hotel on the site, but backed out after Japan Airlines and other heavyweight investors pulled out of the CNMI.

The investor "abandoned us," he said.

His completed work, which he claimed covered 95 percent of the hotel footprint, took three years because of the lack of funding.

"We've inherited 260 remains... We excavated every square inch," and called the collections a "product" that could "fast-track" the BSI project.

In response to board member Hexel's comment that available data "does not shine light" if there was a Spanish or ancient village structure on the site, Harper noted that they uncovered a 15-by-10 meter "burn deposit" that suggests a human burial grave.

Harper, alluding to Spanish accounts of the time, said that during the first contact with Chamorros, many villages were burned due to the resistance to military efforts.

He said the site could be a Spanish site "blended together" with a pre-historic one, which would provide a "connection between Spanish period and Chamorro period."

to the Office of the Attorney General. According to her, the OAG counsel is "looking into HPO rights as well as the rights to the remains removed 15 years ago."

She said the OAG requested that they wait for more information from their end before they met with SHARC.

She asked the board that if they do require them to meet with SHARC, this be understood that this is outside what is required of them.

"There is nothing in the law or regulations that says this must happen," she said, emphasizing that all the board has to do is approve or reject the project.

Farrell asked HPO why they did not address the question of rights 15 years ago, but Alepuyo advised that if they address the question with the board, they should have a counsel present. Farrell informed her they had none.

Alepuyo said she learned from HPO counsel that they're "very sensitive," alluding to legal matters.

State HPO officer Laura Ogumoro said this should not be an item of discussion. "We cannot discuss that," she said.

"Is there a legal issue? Has a lawsuit been filed?" Farrell asked. Ogumoro said she could not comment further.

In an interview, Fleming said HPO could sure have the rights to the remains but "with conditions." He had scholastic rights, he said, saying that if HPO wanted these remains, they have "missed the ball" and their statute of limitations has run out.

Harper also said that years ago they were told by HPO to wait for the arrival of a developer in the area. This developer has arrived now, he said. That's why the idea of litigation, despite the keeping of these remains, baffles them.

Farrell said the project could bring some good attention to the historical area, adding that its commercial interest would be beneficial to the CNMI.

The board voted again. This time in favor of HPO findings. Four members voted "yes" and two "no."

Before rejecting Saipan Adventure Tour's application, the board had voted in favor of trenching work in Honest Profit International's site in San Antonio.

This site, according to Dr. Hiro Korishino, was part of

ERRATUM

In the story headlined "CHC down to 157 nurses; doctors at 130," that appeared in the March 31, 2015, edition of the *Saipan Tribune*, it should have read "CHC down to 157 nurses; doctors at 30." Our apologies.

JEJU

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September was 9,602. It rose by 10 percent in October to 12,557. By November, Korean arrivals have skyrocketed by 31 percent to a total of 16,227 visitors. It soared again in December by 43 percent bringing in 19,485 visitors.

In January this year, the Korean market saw an increase of 53 percent for 21,145 Korean visitors, its highest monthly total on record. In February, Korean tourists totaled 18,905.

MVA managing director Perry Tenorio said that Jeju Air's flights technically doubles the daily service as far as this fiscal year is concerned but it doesn't completely doubles the market.

Song said that Jeju Air targets those who travel independently, while Asiana Airlines is the main carrier for families.

"This is because with Jeju Air, Korean tourists can travel independently at low costs, so it is in a different category with Asiana so they aren't competing," he said.

Tenorio said that as of now, Korea continues to be the No. 1 source market of the CNMI. *(With Dennis B. Chan)*

DRIVER

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other traffic violations.

Tarkong said that Hokin retained a private counsel in the case and that his court appearance will be either in April or May 2015.

If Hokin fails to show up at the hearing, the Office of the Attorney General may likely request the Superior Court to issue a bench warrant for his arrest.

On Friday, Tarkong disclosed that Hokin returned to the Commonwealth Health Center two days after the crash due to back pain and was diagnosed with a fractured spine.

Hokin reportedly refused medical treatment on the day of the crash and was released shortly after arriving at CHC's emergency room.

The crash occurred on the

southbound shoulder of Beach Road by the intersection of T Galleria and Bank of Guam near the Garapan basketball court in the early morning hours of March 22.

Jack Steven S. Deleon Guerrero, 22, a firefighter, who was the front seat passenger, reportedly sustained a lacerated right ear, a fractured spine, and is possibly paralyzed from the waist down. As of yesterday, he was still reportedly awaiting medical evacuation to the Philippines for further treatment or surgery.

Leilani S. Cepeda, 23, also a passenger, sustained bruises on the face and a laceration on the forehead, and was discharged from CHC the day after the incident, police said.

Traffic investigators have determined that speed and alcohol were factors in the crash.

The truck had extensive damage on all sides.

Lack of flights scotches Cape Air meeting with Inos

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A meeting between Gov. Eloy S. Inos and Cape Air executives scheduled this week was moved to a later date. And the reason behind the cancellation was a no-brainer: there were no flights.

The meeting was apparently hush-hush, amid the growing discontent with the services—or lack thereof—of Cape Air, the only airline currently servicing flights from Guam and the CNMI and vice versa.

“It was postponed. The reason is, there were no available flights,” press secretary Ivan

Blanco said.

He said a meeting was supposed to take place this week but it was moved to a yet undisclosed date due to the unavailability of the flights.

The meeting was seen as an opportunity for Cape Air to clear the air on the continued delays of flights that has been going on for almost a week.

Some CNMI lawmakers are already planning separate moves to invite Cape Air over.

Rep. Francis S. Taimanao (Ind-Saipan), chairman of the House Committee on Public Utilities, Transportation, and Communications, said he is scheduled to meet with his com-

mittee members to draft a formal letter to be sent to Cape Air.

“We will meet and discuss the letter, and then send it to Cape Air,” Taimanao said.

The lawmaker said he understands the growing concern over the continued delays, but he remains cautious. “It should not appear that we’re trying to chase them [Cape Air] away. We just want to know the reasons for the delay,” Taimanao said, stressing the importance of air safety for airline passengers.

Cape Air earlier cited maintenance concerns as the primary reason for the flight delays.



Inos

“be calling for a public hearing to collect testimonials for United Airlines and will ask United representatives to attend.”

“It is still a business and we know that the airplanes being used are expensive,” Taimanao said.

Other lawmakers, however, are more vocal in their criticism of the airline carrier.

“Enough is enough. Cape Air has continually failed the people of the CNMI. We need to stop directing our frustrations to Cape Air. They don’t care,” Rep. Edwin K. Propst (Ind-Saipan) said.

The lawmaker said he will

“be calling for a public hearing to collect testimonials for United Airlines and will ask United representatives to attend.”

“And if no representative from United attends, then it will prove that United really does not care about the CNMI,” he said.

“This has become more than an inconvenience. This is hurting businesses, hurting our tourism industry, and putting our health and safety in jeopardy. We will gather these testimonials and will forward it to United as well as our U.S. Congressman Kilili Sablan.”

Propst said that Cape Air’s “broken planes and horrible ser-

vice have got to go and we need to find another carrier to take over this route.”

Rep. Vinson Sablan (Ind-Saipan) shared that due to the delay, one of his staff remains stuck in Guam.

“One of my staff is still there, as there are no available flights,” Sablan said. “They don’t seem to care probably because there is no competition, and there’s no other airline available to serve passengers.”

As a temporary remedy, United Airlines provides an extra flight on a Boeing 737-800 to accommodate passengers. Cape Air and United are code-share partners.

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Probable cause found to charge waiter in rape case

Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho found probable cause yesterday to charge a restaurant waiter accused of raping a female friend after a drinking session at her home for her birthday celebration.

At a preliminary hearing, Camacho determined there was probable cause to believe that

Mark Lester David may have committed the crimes of sexual assault in the first degree, assault and battery, and disturbing the peace.

The judge ordered the 31-year-old David to respond to the charges.

Camacho dismissed the charge of sexual assault in the second de-

gree as it is already included as a lesser offense in the sexual assault in the first degree charge.

Arraignment will be on April 6 at 9am.

At the hearing, assistance attorney general Emily Cohen called to the witness stand police detective Therese S. Kintoki, who told the court of the cir-

cumstances that led to David's arrest last March 20.

Attorney Janet H. King served as counsel for the waiter.

Police said David and the alleged victim, along with two other friends, finished their drinking session at 2am last March 20.

After an hour, David returned to the apartment unit of the alleged victim, but she walked

back to her bed and fell asleep because she was intoxicated.

At 6am, the woman was allegedly awakened when she felt someone touching her privates. She allegedly told David to stop, while kicking and pushing his face. She then allegedly realized that she was already semi-naked and told David to leave her apartment.

David was arrested later that night.

Police said David denied raping her but admitted that he returned to her apartment and laid down next to her on the bed.

A doctor told police that examination indicated signs of penetration and abrasions on the woman's sexual organ. The alleged victim stated she never had any relationship with David and that she has had no prior sexual experience. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

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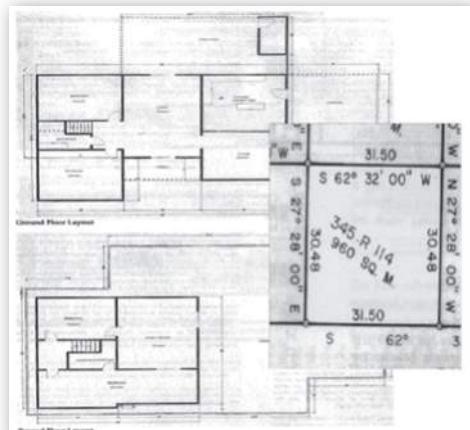


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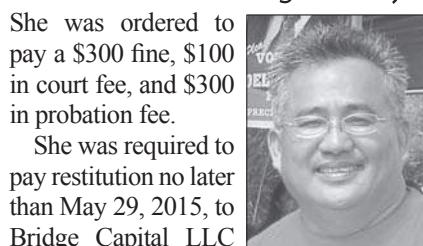
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A former employee of Bridge Capital LLC was slapped yesterday with a one-month prison sentence for stealing money from the company and forging checks in the total amount of \$2,097.80.

Superior Court Presiding Judge Robert C. Naraja sentenced Kimberly W. Santos to three years imprisonment, all suspended except for one month, for theft.

Santos, 25, was allowed to start serving her sentence on April 25, 2015, at 5pm. She is expected to be released on May 24 at 5pm.

After serving her sentence, Santos will be placed on supervised release for three years.



She was ordered to pay a \$300 fine, \$100 in court fee, and \$300 in probation fee.

She was required to pay restitution no later than May 29, 2015, to Bridge Capital LLC and FT Condo LLC. Naraja

Santos was ordered to perform 300 hours of community service and complete any counseling recommended by the Community Guidance Center.

She was ordered to write a letter of apology to Bridge Capital LLC and FT Condo LLC and stay away from the two companies during her probation.

The Office of the Attorney General charged Santos with theft and two counts of forgery. She pleaded guilty to theft

as part of a plea deal. The remaining charges were dropped.

She was represented by assistant public defender Eden Schwartz. Assistant attorney general Heather Barcina appeared for the government.

According to court records, Santos stole a total of \$2,097.80 from Bridge Capital LLC and FT Condo LLC between Sept. 2 to 16, 2014.

Specifically, Santos took \$296 from FT Condo LLC's petty cash and forged FT Condo LLC's Bank of Hawaii check in the amount of \$401.80.

Santos also forged Bridge Capital LLC's First Hawaiian Bank check in the amount of \$1,400.

of Saipan, Rota, and Tinian."

Santos said making Saipan the CNMI capital may also have "benefits for business."

According to the 2010 Census, the CNMI has a population of more than 50,000.

Saipan contains the largest population and also a larger landmass compared to Rota and Tinian.

The administrative center is located on Capital Hill on Saipan, which to most, makes Saipan the "traditional" capital of the Commonwealth. (*Joel D. Pinaroc*)

Santos wants Saipan to be CNMI 'capital'

A lawmaker wants to make Saipan the official capital of the CNMI.

Sen. Teresita A. Santos (R-Rota) introduced Senate Bill 19-19, which was passed on third and final reading by the Senate in a session last week.

The proposed bill now heads to the House of Representatives.

Santos, in an interview, said one of the main reasons she is pushing for Saipan to be the Commonwealth's capital is because it is where the govern-

ment offices and key agencies are located.

Among the three major islands of the CNMI, Saipan also has the largest population, Santos said.

"It is where the Legislature and Governor's Office are located, and I think it is but proper to make it the CNMI's capital," Santos said.

S.B. 19-19 further said the CNMI "does not have an official capital despite having an island chain that consists of the islands

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NOTICE OF MEETING OF THE DCRM AGENCY OFFICIALS

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 11, Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Governor Ralph DLG. Torres through the Division of Coastal Resources Management (DCRM) hereby give notice that a DCRM Agency Officials Special Meeting will be held on Tuesday, **April 7, 2015, at 10:00 AM** at the Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality conference room, Suite 205, Gualo Rai Center, Lower Gualo Rai, Saipan.

AGENDA

- I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS
 - a) Call to Order
 - b) Roll Call
- II. PERMIT APPLICATION
 1. H.S. Lee Hotel Project
(CRM Permit No.SMS-2015-X-005)
 - a. Permit Application Summary
 - b. Discussion by DCRM Agency Officials and DCRM
 - c. Permit Application Status
- III. OTHER MATTERS
- IV. ADJOURNMENT

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Military meets with Inos, businesses on divert plan

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Ranking military officials have visited the CNMI and met with

Man gets one month in jail for stealing from store

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Superior Court Presiding Judge Robert C. Naraja yesterday imposed a one-month prison term on a man who stole \$310 from the drawer of a store in Puerto Rico.

Naraja sentenced Anthony Santos Lacanlale to a year in prison, all suspended except for a month, for theft.

Lacanlale, 24, was given credit for one day of time served. He was allowed to start serving his sentence on March 31, 2015, at 1pm. He is expected to be released on April 29.

After completing the prison term, Lacanlale will be placed on one year of supervised probation. He was ordered to pay a \$200 fine, \$25 in court assessment fee, and \$100 in probation fee.

He was ordered to pay restitution to the victim's wife, Bi Yu Zheng, in the amount of \$310.

During his probation, Lacanlale is to stay away from the victim, Zhi Guang Li, and Vegetable Plus.

He was also ordered to perform 300 hours of community service.

The Office of the Attorney General had charged Lacanlale with theft. He pleaded guilty as part of a plea deal.

He was represented by assistant public defender Michael Sato. Assistant attorney general Heather Barcinas appeared for the government.

According to the factual basis of the plea deal, on Nov. 25, 2014, on Saipan, Lacanlale stole money from Vegetable Plus, which is owned by Zhi Guang Li.

Zhi Guang Li is the younger brother of New Fresh Market owner Zhi Yuan Li, who mysteriously disappeared last Jan. 17.

Police detective Catherine Pangelinan stated in her report that Zhi Guang Li called police on Dec. 8, 2014, and complained that Lacanlale, who lives near his store, keeps passing by the establishment even after stealing money from them.

Pangelinan said Zhi Guang Li and his wife were scared that Lacanlale would return and hurt them.

One customer allegedly told the victims that Lacanlale was laughing and boasting that he would not be arrested because he is indigenous and his victims are Chinese.

Police reviewed the surveillance camera in the store and found out that Lacanlale forced open the drawer and took several bills. (Ferdie de la Torre)

Gov. Eloy S. Inos and members of the business sector to discuss the military's divert airfield initiative.

But the military declined to divulge details of what transpired during the meetings, instead opting to hold a press conference scheduled this Thursday.

According to press secretary Ivan Blanco, the military presented the "hybrid" divert plan to key officials as well as mem-

bers of the government's Strategic Economic Development Council.

There were no changes to the hybrid plan, Blanco said. "The military is doing the rounds to present [it]," he said.

He said the decision is still with the Commonwealth Ports Authority and Inos if the hybrid plan will move forward.

Under this option, the military is proposing to add infrastructure to both Saipan and

Tinian civilian airports, noting that both airports would still be operated as they are today, under civilian authority, with the goal of reducing any potential interference with civil aviation operations and expansion plans on Saipan.

The U.S. military is said to be "committed to looking at all possible options, to include a combination of development on both Saipan and Tinian."

The military said its pres-

ence for exercises on Saipan would be scaled down from the Saipan-only approach.

Outside of a crisis, the anticipated maximum Air Force activity would be two to four tanker aircraft for up to eight weeks per year from CNMI airports, with the majority of activity on Tinian, the military said.

Allowing the Air Force to divide its projects between Saipan and Tinian would provide ad-

ditional assurance that "de-confliction" with civil aviation and other Commonwealth Ports Authority activity will not be an issue, the military said.

As far as Inos is concerned, the hybrid plan presents an alternative for the government to further study.

The governor said he "acknowledges the alternative," and admitted he never thought of such a solution.

However, Inos said these are still "preliminary discussions" and the "strong stand" of the CPA against using a divert airport on Saipan remains.

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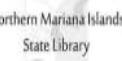
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5 	6 Ongoing PSS BMI Check @ Elem. Schools/ASQ Implementation Training	7	8	9	10	11 NMC Health Fair & Sports Flash @ Multipurpose Center in Susupe from 8AM—12 noon National Library Week Proc. Signing @ 10 AM in JKPL Main Lobby
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
 National Library Workers Day April 14, 2015 • #nlwd15		14	15	16	17	18
		Read Aloud @ Gana Day Care Center, Kibleville @ 10:15AM	Motherread/Fatherread Financial Literacy Training 4:30-5:30pm @ JKPL Read Aloud @ Sister Remedios (CK) @ 10AM	Motherread/Fatherread Financial Literacy Training 4:30-5:30pm @ JKPL Read Aloud @ NMIS (Marianas Business Plaza) 10AM	Parent Training on Early Learning Guidelines (Call DCCA) Read Aloud @ Loving Hands Daycare (San Antonio) at 10 AM	Read Aloud & Craft @ 10 AM (JKPL) Family Movie @ 1 PM (JKPL)
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 National Bookmobile Day April 15, 2015	DYS Parenting Classes in Kagman (PA) Hyatt "I Read" Celebrity Read Aloud Program Begins	DYS Parenting Class Call 664-2550	DYS Parenting Class Call 664-2550	DYS Parenting Classes in Garapan (PA) 6:30-8:30PM	DYS Parenting Class Call 664-2550	Read Aloud & Craft @ 10 AM (JKPL) Family Movie @ 1 PM (JKPL)
 LET'S READ Mariñas	 34th Annual Flame Tree Arts Festival April 23, 24, 25, 26	Music Monday @ Head Start & CCDF Daycare Centers	Taco Tuesday @ Head Start & CCDF Daycare Centers	Work-Together Wednesday @ Head Start & CCDF Daycare Centers	Artsy Thursday @ Head Start & CCDF Daycare Centers	Family Day @ CCDF Daycare Centers
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BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUTS

Happy birthday greetings go out to Jerome Montano Ortiguerre, who is celebrating his 18th birthday today, April 1, 2015! May you have more years to come and stay healthy. We love you! Greetings come from Mom and brothers, Kuya Jemo and Janvir.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO



Belated happy birthday to our nana, Magdalena S. Mendiola, who celebrated her special day on March 29! Wishing you the best and many more to come! Love always, your grandchildren, Madilynn Rose, Nonisha Mae, Ha'ani Marie, Jayley Jo', and Jayden Joe.

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FFF celebrates natural treasures on April 3

In celebration of April being Environmental Awareness Month, First Friday Films presents the film *Islands of Sanctuary* for free to all audiences at 6:30pm on Friday, April 3, at American Memorial Park.

Islands of Sanctuary is one film in the *Standing on Sacred Ground* series, which follows Aboriginal Australians and Native Hawaiians as they reclaim land from the government and the military and resist the erosion of their culture and the environment.

Before the film, local Chamorro cultural historian Genieve Cabrera will speak about the indigenous cultural groups of the Marianas Archipelago, Micronesia, and greater Oceania. Cabrera has spent over a decade researching rock art of the Northern Mariana Islands and working to pro-



TECT the islands from proposed military activities.

The theme for Environmental Awareness Month 2015 is "Our Natural Treasures," and First Friday Films is just one of many events put on by the CNMI nat-

Day, April 22, at 6:30pm at American Memorial Park. The public is welcome to join for all or part of this event, which will feature 15- to 30-minute professional documentaries about the environment in the CNMI. For more information and a schedule of events, visit our website: www.firstfridayfilmssaipan.blogspot.com

First Friday Films is a partnership between American Memorial Park, the Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality, and the NMI Humanities Council with support from other organizations and individuals. This particular film is sponsored by BECQ. As always, our film events are free and open to the public. This event will run approximately 80 minutes.

For more information about First Friday Films, email [\(BECQ\)](mailto:fff-saipan@gmail.com)

Early Signs of Autism

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Social

Children with autism may:

- Not share warm, joyful facial expressions, such as smiles by 6 months
- Not babble and coo by 12 months
- Not respond to their name by 12 months
- Use few or no gestures (e.g., does not wave goodbye, point, etc.) by 12 months
- Not play "pretend" games (pretend to "feed" a doll) by 18 months
- Avoid eye contact
- Avoid other people and prefer to play alone
- Prefer not to be held or cuddled
- Have delayed speech and language skills.

Behavioral

Children with autism may:

- Be very organized (e.g., line up toys or other objects)
- Get upset by minor changes
- Have odd movement patterns (e.g., flaps hands, rocks body, or spins self in circles)
- Have frequent temper tantrums
- Be overly active
- Purposely hurt themselves
- Repeat words or actions over and over
- Look at objects from unusual angles.

Other areas

Children with autism often:

- Are overly sensitive to touch, sounds, taste or smells
- Lack fear in dangerous situations
- Have an intense need for routines
- Have learning difficulties
- Lose skills they once had (for instance, stop saying words they were using).

If you have concerns about your child's development, contact your baby's doctor or call the Children's Developmental Assistance Center at **664-4841** for a free developmental screening.

Children with autism can learn, grow and succeed.

Early action is the key!



Information adapted from the Center of Disease Control and Prevention, Learn the Signs. Act Early. Supported in part by project H25MC06112 from the MCHB (Title V, Social Security Act), HRSA, DHHS.

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60+ EARTH HOUR



Like a pulsating wave of darkness that swept the surface of the entire planet time zone to time zone, lights were turned off for one hour—from 8:30pm to 9:30pm—last Saturday, March 28, 2015, to mark Earth Hour, a global movement to raise awareness and fight climate change.

In the CNMI, Tan Holdings Corp. and all its affiliates joined the movement by turning off all non-essential lights and appliances, while its employees enthusiastically took up the challenge by doing the same in their homes.

Cesar G. Lopez of Century Insurance shared the experience with his family by turning it into a fun, learning activity. After turning off the lights, he and his family camped out in their backyard using a tent and small lanterns for illumination.

"I decided to involve the children so

they will be aware of the seriousness of the effects of global warming on the environment," said Lopez.

Lea Belo of Kanoa Resort took it a step farther. While the lights were out, she planted three palm trees using recycled containers.

"Celebrating [Earth Hour] is not just for tonight," she said. "It's a part of my life simply by conserving water, turning off lights when not in use and planting plants."

The usually brightly lit Finasisu Terraces was plunged into darkness for an hour on Saturday, with the stairwells being the only areas with illumination. Majority of residents, even non-Tan Holding employees, took part in Earth Hour, with many even extending their observance beyond the allotted 60 minutes.

This is the fifth year that Tan Holdings has been observing Earth Hour.

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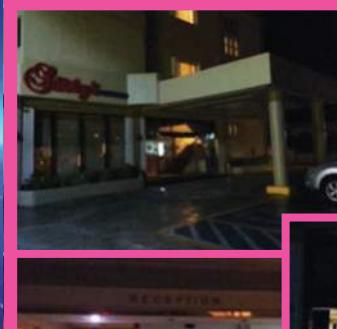
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In Ebola nightmare, deadly delays

It's safe to say that an Ebola outbreak one year ago constituted an international emergency after it jumped borders of Sierra Leone, Guinea and Liberia within a single week, then quickly reached a casualty rate higher than any previous outbreak. By mid-April, the World Health Organization's office in Geneva was receiving email from health care workers pleading for urgent help.

Instead of declaring an international alert, WHO remained cautious and quiet, according to correspondence obtained by The Associated Press. The organization wound up waiting until early August to announce a global public health emergency, after confirmed Ebola deaths had exceeded 1,000.

The repercussions of this lapse in judgment reverberated around the world.

WHO emails revealed that officials weighed possible reactions to the outbreak against economic damage to the West African countries involved and even how it might have affected the annual Muslim pilgrimage to Mecca.

Even in early June, when confirmed Ebola cases were beginning to skyrocket, WHO officials continued to balk at declaring an emergency while acknowledging the benefits of ramping up political pressure on the countries affected and mobilizing international aid. Still, they fretted. Such a declaration "could be seen as a hostile act," one internal memo warned.

A WHO declaration doesn't instantaneously prompt a world reaction. It typically takes several weeks before word sifts down to the local level — including hospitals in Dallas — that such a threat must be taken seriously. Delays in getting the word out leads to additional delays throughout the health care chain. And that leads to lost opportunities to educate health care workers about proper procedures and precautions.

We can only speculate on how responses might have differed had the warning come earlier. It's safe to say, however, that months of delay helped maximize the chances of communication breakdowns and lax preparedness when potential Ebola victims began traveling beyond West Africa.

When Thomas Eric Duncan walked into the emergency room of Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Dallas on Sept. 25 complaining of aches and fever, it appears staffers didn't adequately register the significance of his arrival from Liberia five days earlier. Others had not been adequately trained on proper



April fooled

The media calls it March Madness, the journey of the NCAAB season to the Final Four that determines the bragging rights of university dudes and their dudettes. I call it April fooled. The Final Four hits the backboards on April 4 and 6 in Indianapolis, so it is not March Madness if the word "march" is used as a noun rather than as a verb.

Predictors of the Dirty 32, Sweet 16, and the Elite 8 were pretty much consistent across the board save for Nova sent home by NC State but Kentucky was popularly crowned the winner from the first round of 64!

Even Obama, a fan and occasional player, who roots for Wisconsin, had Nova playing Duke and Kentucky hoop-to-hoop locked with Arizona, with Nova and Kentucky vying for the Final Four (NCSU sent Nova packing) all the way to the trophy. His predictions were very conventional but the history of NCAAB on March Madness hoopla days excite precisely because upsets are very common. College basketball's volatility compared to the cold predictability of NBA pros is what makes college hustlers very compelling!

On the initial 64, my old alma matter in the South region got upset by the UCLA Bruins in a controversial goal tending call that sent SMU back to the lawns of Dallas, Texas' Highland Park where Mustangs proudly strut their developed but solid posteriors.

Georgia State upset Baylor while UAB edged favored Iowa State in the South region but yielded to the Bruins on the Dirty 32. Georgetown was outplayed by Utah but Dayton took out lower-seed Providence, only to bow out to Oklahoma.

For Paddy's boys, Notre Dame du Lac almost went back to South Bend to gulp their green Irish brew but they sent fellow Indiana denizen Butler home to Indianapolis instead. The Fighting Irish has yet to be the national champs but they broke UCLA's winning streak of 88 in '74! They joined the Sweet 16 but no one expected them to go home with the trophy with Kentucky lurking ahead.

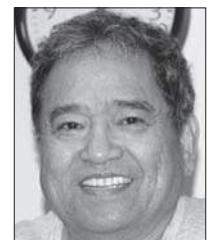
Only UCLA remained above the magic 8-seed line at Sweet 16. Nova was the first to fall of the 1-seeds, leaving Duke, Wisconsin, and Kentucky to join the midpoint contest. Upsets on the way included Michigan State outscoring Virginia while Wichita State upset cross-State colleagues Kansas. West Virginia over Maryland, and Louisville over University of Northern Iowa were between even odds.

The Sweet 16 commenced Thursday in a shocker to my limited but wide-eyed vision. *Dayton defeats Kentucky*, the headline blared, but I could not find the details until I discovered, it was the women's division. Had to hang on to my emotions.

But there were no surprises in the men's section except Michigan State upending Oklahoma. Kentucky clobbered West Virgin-

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ia. Notre Dame buried Wichita State, Wisconsin outplayed North Carolina, and Xavier could not catch up with Arizona. Then Louisville drove NC State out while Gonzaga ended UCLA's Cinderella run, and Duke methodically stifled Utah.

The Elite Eight was set and the biggies left were the Wisconsin's Badgers who edged the Wildcats of Arizona, and Kentucky's Wildcats barely made it past very poised Notre Dame's Fighting Irish who had to go back to South Bend's spring greens on just a two-point spread. Louisville and Michigan State went even down the wire, with MSU prevailing at OT. Duke, well, just duked out Gonzaga, the Blue Devils running over the Bulldogs!

We are down to the Final Four. Kentucky plays Wisconsin while Duke takes on 7-seed MSU (rather than 4-seed Louisville). April 4 and 6 will have America on the tube, or in today's technology, on their laptops, tablets, and smartphones. The bet on Kentucky going undefeated at the start was 50:1, now down to 1:1 with the odd makers egging bettors to put their money to "long shots" as the seemingly unstoppable Kentucky edged the Irish!

Of course, if all the March Madness did was make us into couch potatoes, then college basketball had lost its verve. Obama occasionally puts on his shorts to shoot the ball at the WH hoops, and if we do not have a ball to dribble, we can always foray into the NMC gym, or the one across Kilili Beach, and join the shooters. The gyms keep extra balls and welcomes rubber-shoed enthusiasts. (The Chamorro midsection my Pinoy cholesterol appropriated in Saipan's wildly saliva-drooling cuisine could use some trimming.)

Basketball is a year-round sport on Saipan with the sun-rain constancy of tropical weather. The Xterra uns on our street, bike rides on our trails, and swims on our shore, why not basketball tourism for the lithe ladies and the quick toed Joes of Sinosphere and elsewhere? That's a whole year preoccupation, Perry!

We started on March Madness, April fooled, but we spilled into April's flame trees starting to bloom. Will keep the madness moving.

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Neocatechumenal Way!

Took an exit to research and critically analyze materials relating to the "Neocatechumenal Way" or movement founded in Madrid, Spain, by a Kiko Arguello.

Navigated it carefully when I happened upon the views about the group by the late Fr. Enrico Zoffoli, professor of philosophy in Rome. In his sunset years he published the *Dictionary of Christianity*.

Initially, Neocatechumenal did well until it started going into "doctrinal presuppositions" of the Way. As time progressed, many of the followers were "severely shocked by the distressing experience of some ways of thinking and of acting observed in the Movement which are incompatible with the convictions owed to the Christian education inherited by the family and received in the parish church."

"The overwhelming majority of the Neocatechumenals do not seem to be aware of these errors and draw from the Way only the good purged of the dross of evident and serious dogmatic aberrations," wrote the late Fr. Zoffoli.

"This, however, does not remove the obligation to inform the public at large in order to prevent a further spread of the heresy and of a mentality, which insensibly induces simple and ignorant people to accept it."

"We have been able to identify these in the above-mentioned typewritten texts reserved for the Catechists and kept secret not only from the public but also from the faithful committed to the Way."

"They concern ideas which cannot be shared by many Neocatechumenals and seem above all to be ignored especially by those who, devoid of theology, are not in a position to judge their orthodoxy with the necessary competence."

From the Catholic News Agency after news items claim that the Neocatechumenal Way has received approval for their Celebration of the Mass. The Vatican clarifies.

The Vatican's approval of the Neo-Catechumenal Way's forms

of "celebration" only applies to non-liturgical prayers within their catechesis and not to the Mass or other liturgies of the Church.

"With respect to the celebrations of the Holy Mass and the other liturgies of the Church," communities of the Catechumenal Way must "follow the norms of the Church as indicated in the liturgical books; to do otherwise must be understood to be a liturgical abuse," a Vatican official told CAN on Jan. 21 of 2013.

Rome has told the group twice to cease and desist from its doctrinal presuppositions. It defied the order moving ahead as though a new religion within Catholicism.

Archbishop Antonio Apuron is part of the Neocatechumenal group in Guam. He's remained intransigent to legitimate queries raised by the laity on a number of serious issues. They only want the truth! Silence isn't golden in this case. In fact, it has created a vacuum of alienation, lack of leadership and unsolicited acrimony in incommunicado between shepherd and flock.

Apuron isn't the Catholic Church but head of the largest religious denomination. He needs to muster the courage to unite his flock as he sails into the sunset of his career. Catholicism has had a rich history of over 500 years of religious practices here, now placed in unjustified gradual ruination by the Neocatechumenal group. How about credentials that you're a theological, philosophical or biblical scholar with ranking like historical giants Plato, Aristotle, and Aquinas?

Did you ever publish a book that presents the "unity and purpose" of the Bible in terms of "God's universal sovereignty" and His plan for salvation? Or is your message limited to "presupposition" which simply means a "guess," promoting self-concocted and misguided literary garb? This has got to stop in both Guam and the NMI!

Lache na finana`gue

Hu guadog, kritikatmiente analisa sustansian kinalamten un'

personally for themselves. So I hope those who want to study the issue before voting are reading this and will spread the news to support the moratorium as it is the best way to start resolving the entire legalization issue permanently. Take it from an educator who knows and taught your children that the scientific method is the best way to study an issue; anything else will be speculation.

I know there are those who are against legalization simply because it is against the law, which is ridiculous and I hope they will talk to someone if that's their reason as they need a long philosophical lesson on the very nature of our government and laws. But for those who oppose legalization, especially educators, because they will be charged with dealing with the issue, you need to understand that legalization will actually make it easier for you to deal with marijuana use in schools. Getting things out in the open always makes it easier to deal with personal and social challenges.

First and foremost, educators should be leading in the change to legalize marijuana so they can all be more active on the front lines to fight against our youth using it. As long as marijuana is in the closet, we can't actively and aggressively fight something that is being kept hidden! We should have already learned from other controversial issues like homosexuality and more recently bullying that until we get it out in the open we can't fully address the issue. Heck, homosexuality went from being unacceptable in society and schools to being supported and the same can happen with marijuana education, like we have done with cigarettes and alcohol. We can only fight marijuana use by our youth appropriately if it is out in the open. As long as there is a fear by our youth of going to jail for a single cigarette we can forget talking to them about it and that's a fact, Jack! They will do what children do best, be secretive, be in denial, saying that adults don't know what they are talking about and some will just lie.

Educators and parents need to know that expectations are the bar and our children will jump over the bar if the bar is strictly applied. Educators need to be more innovative and find ways to really motivate no usage and/or ground students at school and even at home if they are caught smoking pot. Start using the parenting skills and child psychology required of highly qualified teachers/counselors and talk to these students, make them stay after school to do their work after making them eat and/or drink something so the high will go away. But don't send students to jail and suspend students for marijuana so they can go home and smoke some more

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Voters should decide on legalization but...

I don't have any problem with voters deciding on legalization but it should be a well-informed and educated vote on the entire issue of full legalization and not just medical use. Voters should know what they are voting on. This is too big and important for voting on what you believe might happen. We all need to see first-hand based on facts you have personally witnessed in the CNMI during the moratorium period. More importantly is the fact that we will literally be setting ourselves up for double work to do the same job twice if we just legalize for medical use and later for recreational. People with any knowledge and analytical perspective on this issue can tell you that we will eventually have to rehash the entire issue again for recreational use if medical use is approved, which it will be.

For those who want to study the issue of legalization and vote on it, there is no better way than to create a moratorium period so you can see the effects for yourself. In fact the main purpose of the moratorium is so people can study the issue up close and

EBOLA

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procedures should a patient matching Duncan's travel profile arrive complaining of Ebola-like symptoms.

Duncan died. Two nurses became infected with Ebola. A full-blown crisis ensued.

A WHO alert might not have averted Dallas' nightmare. But the delays definitely handicapped the global health care community and slowed response times to the point that the epidemic was able to mushroom. Now, more than 10,000 people have died.

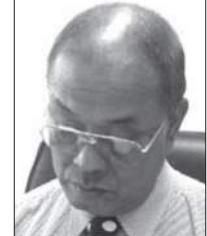
When the crisis revolves around responses to one of the world's deadliest diseases, the abundance of caution must be on preparedness, not on protecting economies and political sensibilities.

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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grupu ni mafanana'an "neocatechumenal" giya Guam. Umato-te finana'guen tradisionat na sakramentu siha yan siniponen este na grupu.

Estague' fumañagu inadisgustu entalu' Atobispo Antonio Apuron yan mayotmente na mañgatoliko gi bisinun sanlichan.

Mauleg tutuhoña este inetnon 'nai pa'gu ma-establese giya Roma. Lau dispues sige hana' oppan otru finana'gueña ni ti umafagcha' yan finana'guen Katoliko gi dotrina yan areglon setbisiu siha ni pot mas ke kiñientos años mapraktika. I mañgatoliko giya Guam guaha finaisen niha siha asuntu gi as Apuron. Kulau ha fatkeluye i asuntu. Huñgan maulegña silensiuk ke buruka lau lehitimu finaisen i tautaumu siha ni debi un' oppe dibuenamente.

I para umaletke 'sino mafatkeluy i asuntu siha ensegidas hana sahñige sentimeton i man-fiet na mañgatoliko. Pa'gu mas 'nai presisiu satton na ineppe pot para u daña' tatte i inetnon yan manma'gas Katoliko giya Guam. Propiu u para u aligau ya una' fan daña' tatte i kinilu si Atobispo Apuron.

Hu respeta yan hoñgge metton finana'guen Yuus Tata yan lahiña as Jesukristo. Taya' kampu para ta enturompe i hagas man-mauleg na areglun Gima Yuus katolisimu pot kiñientos años na tiempu. Bendision i Saina gi este na fina' chinatsaga. Si Iku.

all day long and sometimes for days. Sending them to Juvenile is not a total deterrent either because many of them know their parents or guardians are not going to do that much to them, just a scolding. FYI readers, marijuana is highly socially acceptable everywhere in our world today so get used to that fact. There is also the fact that the threat of locking people has never stopped crimes so a few hours at Juvi is not going to make every youth stop smoking; many will just get smarter and sneakier.

Support the moratorium because I'm sure that many of you who are opposed to legalization will be surprised at what you now believe as to what you will really see happen. The opposition to legalization also needs to know that the overwhelming majority at the Rota hearings and throughout America and the CNMI are for legalization so you should at least try to be part of the solution and not part of the wall that is standing in the way of progress. FYI, we (everyone in society) will always have to deal with marijuana use in our society forever so do we learn how to deal with all aspects of marijuana use or do we continue to flounder like fools and even fighting the use of marijuana that can never be stopped?

Finally, saying that educators should not be promoting legalization is simply wrong when they are on the front lines and have to deal with marijuana in schools anyway and regardless of legalization! If the President of the United States and his attorney general can actively and publicly promote legalization reform, then everyone including educators in America should be actively working to educate and support the leader of our great nation, especially when we can make hundreds of millions. The President is also begging America to stop locking up anyone, especially our youth, for marijuana, so what are we going to do about that as our youth are not protected in the medical marijuana bill? They will still go to jail. We must also be realistic as most of the students who are going to use marijuana, which is between 1 and 3 percent, are going to use it anyway! Furthermore, marijuana use and legalization is not about individual challenges with "hard-headed" students who are a very small minority but more about revenues, along with controlling and educating all of society on the use of marijuana and how to live with marijuana in our society—it's called social and economic progress.

Ambrose M. Bennett

Kagman, Saipan

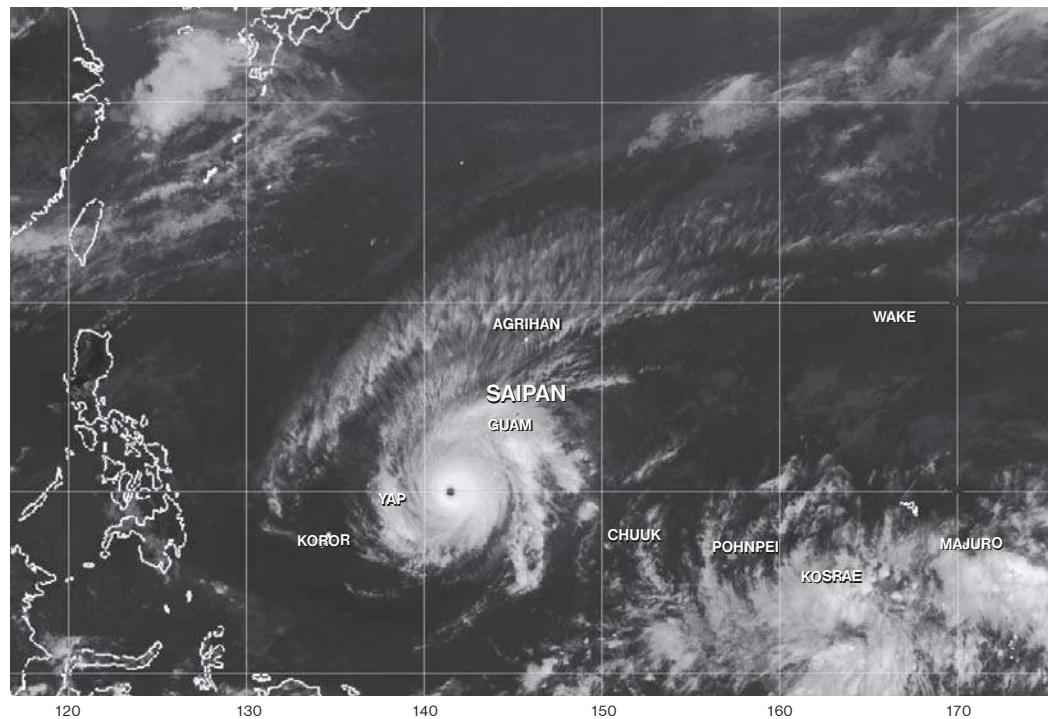
The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 20 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 20 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.

▲ 86°	▼ 74°	▲ 86°	▼ 75°	▲ 87°	▼ 75°	▲ 87°	▼ 75°
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Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 2015

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Typhoon Maysak (04W) is centered just east of Yap near 10N142E with maximum sustained winds of 145 mph and moving westward at 14 mph. Heavy rain and scattered thunderstorms concentrate within 150 miles of the center. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms span farther outward up to 350 miles from the center and west of Chuuk within 75 miles of a line from 8N148E to 4N146E. For information on Typhoon Maysak see warnings issued by The Joint Typhoon Warning Center under WMO header WTPN31 PGTW and advisories issued by The National Weather Service under WMO header WTPQ31 PGUM. A tropical disturbance is centered southeast of Kosrae near 2N165E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are in a large area from just south of Pohnpei across Kosrae state and the southern Marshall Islands south of a line from 2N150E to 6N158E to 6N172E to 5N179E. A shear line extends southwestward from 25N160E across the Northern Mariana Islands to end northwest of Yap near 13N136E. Cloudiness and patchy rain are along and up to 150 miles northwest of the shear line.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

Micronesia

Guam And Rota	Thunderstorms	▲ 88	▼ 77
Palau	Cloudy	▲ 85	▼ 79
Yap	Mostly Cloudy	▲ 83	▼ 78
Chuuk	Partly Cloudy	▲ 87	▼ 79
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲ 86	▼ 76
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲ 86	▼ 76
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲ 84	▼ 81

Around the Globe

Auckland	Mostly Sunny	▲ 75	▼ 60
Beijing	Mostly Cloudy	▲ 57	▼ 37
Hong Kong	Partly Cloudy	▲ 77	▼ 69
Honolulu	Showers	▲ 83	▼ 70
London	Windy	▲ 53	▼ 42
Los Angeles	Mostly Sunny	▲ 78	▼ 56
Manila	Sunny	▲ 93	▼ 73
Melbourne	Mostly Cloudy	▲ 86	▼ 58
Miami	Sunny	▲ 81	▼ 64
New York	Rain	▲ 50	▼ 34
Osaka	Rain	▲ 65	▼ 47
Paris	Windy	▲ 55	▼ 44
Pusan	Showers	▲ 59	▼ 45
Rome	Sunny	▲ 72	▼ 52
Salem	Rain	▲ 55	▼ 39
San Francisco	Sunny	▲ 18	▼ 9
Seoul	Partly Cloudy	▲ 67	▼ 43
Tokyo	Showers	▲ 71	▼ 47
Washington, DC	Showers	▲ 66	▼ 39

Tides

12:52 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.3 Feet
7:20 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.7 Feet
1:30 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.7 Feet
6:58 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.7 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:14 AM	6:30 PM
Thursday	6:13 AM	6:30 PM
Friday	6:12 AM	6:30 PM
Saturday	6:11 AM	6:30 PM
Sunday	6:11 AM	6:30 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	4:00 PM	3:54 AM
Thursday	4:46 PM	4:33 AM
Friday	5:33 PM	5:11 AM
Saturday	6:20 PM	5:49 AM
Sunday	7:08 PM	6:29 AM

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- Call 234-7272 (PARA) on any telephone
- *11 on any IT&E cellular phone
- Log on to the internet at www.nmicrimestoppers.com

FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF JANUARY 5, 2015

DEPARTURES				ARRIVALS			
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)				GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
UA5070	4:15am	5:05am	Daily	UA5069	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA5068	8:00am	8:50am	3	UA5071	6:40am	7:30am	3
UA5068	8:40am	9:30am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7	UA5071	7:15am	8:05am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	2:20pm	4:00pm	6, 7 via Rota	UA5039	1:00pm	1:50pm	6, 7
UA5078	3:10pm	4:00pm	1, 5	UA5038	1:10pm	2:40pm	2, 4 via Rota
UA5038	3:10pm	4:00pm	2, 4	UA5077	1:50pm	2:40pm	1, 5
UA5040	6:55pm	7:45pm	1, 5	UA5041	5:35pm	6:25pm	1, 5
UA5078	8:35pm	9:25pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7	UA5077	7:15pm	8:05pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA5044	10:40pm	11:30pm	1, 5	UA5043	9:20pm	10:10pm	1, 5
SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)				GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)			
UA5039	2:20pm	2:55pm	6, 7	UA5038	1:00pm	1:35pm	2, 4
ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)				ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN			
UA5039	3:25pm	4:00pm	6, 7	UA5038	2:05pm	2:40pm	2, 4
SAIPAN-PALAU (ROR)				PALAU (ROR)-SAIPAN			
DL287	6:05am	1:10am+1	2, 6 via NRT	DL298	4:35am	3:00pm	3, 7 via NRT
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)				NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL287	6:05am	8:40am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6	DL298	10:25am	3:00pm	Daily
DL297	4:20pm	7:05pm	Daily	DL288	8:55pm	1:25am+1	1, 3, 4, 5, 7
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
OZ606	2:10am	6:00am	1	OZ603	9:00am	2:20pm	Daily
OZ606	2:40am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	7C 3402	10:10am	3:30pm	Daily
OZ6063	3:20am	7:10am	3, 4, 6, 7	OZ605	7:40pm	1:00am+1	7
OZ604	3:20pm	7:10pm	Daily	OZ605	8:10pm	1:30am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
7C 3401	4:30pm	8:20pm	Daily	OZ6053	8:50pm	2:10am+1	2, 3, 5, 6
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)				BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7	OZ607			

Let's put cyberbullies in the spotlight

Monica Lewinsky is back, and this time, at least, not as a victim.

She ended her 10 years outside the spotlight in the June issue of *Vanity Fair* with an essay about her life post-White House scandal. She wrote, "I turned 40 last year, and it is time to stop tiptoeing around my past—and other people's futures . . . (What this will cost me, I will soon find out.)"

So far, it seems to have cost her very little. In fact, showing her brave—if more mature and more beautiful—face is earning her some respect. David Letterman and Bill Maher have said they regret their roles in shaming Lewinsky back in 1998.

Today, she has chosen to rebrand herself apart from the sleazy high-level seduction. She rightly observes that she may be the first person whose global shaming was driven by the Internet. And the lurid report by independent counsel Ken Starr was one of the first government

documents released on what was then known as the World Wide Web—disseminating the mortifying sex details with astonishing speed.

Today, Lewinsky is encouraging victims of online humiliation, like her, to go public. People are fed up with the bullying, and we are defending ourselves using the same online tools favored by anonymous attackers.

Former Red Sox pitcher Curt Schilling has publicly identified two New Jersey men responsible for a barrage of sexually explicit comments online about his daughter. Schilling had taken to Twitter last month to congratulate his kid on being accepted to college, where she will pitch for the softball team—a sincere and joyful moment for a proud father. The X-rated and vulgar comments followed.

Schilling said he's pursuing criminal charges for online harassment. It's uncertain how far he'll get; offensive language still enjoys constitutional protection.

This month, actress Ashley



Monica Lewinsky pauses during her speech at the Forbes Under 30 Summit at the Pennsylvania Convention Center in Philadelphia on Monday, Oct. 20, 2014.

Judd tweeted that the University of Arkansas Razorbacks played dirty against her University of Kentucky Wildcats—and the trolls promptly shouted her

CNMI lawyers will line up to sue a private doctor because there is no cap and no malpractice insurance in the NMI, but few will take on CCHC because of the \$100,000 government limit and because it is represented by the Office of the Attorney General, someone they really don't want to piss off. Setting up private practice is like putting a target on the private doctors back, akin to a one-legged man in an arse kicking contest. Doctors can be sued in federal court so their homes and kid's college savings are up for grabs. Still the Ralph Nadirs of the CNMI think that living there is such an honor that despite a lack of specialists such as an orthopedic surgeon, Valhalla exists on Saipan and he will put your lives at risk to get what he wants. Is this not a lesson of history repeating itself? The players and the stage change; however, the script remains the same, pulsed by a current of hubris intent.

We see history repeating itself within some areas of the government or government-owned entities. There is a medieval feudal system vibe within the CNMI, and an underlying current of fealty, serfs, and a fiefdom. Within this presumed loyalty is also a sense of fear for one's job and good paying jobs are scarce. To find history repeating itself, look no further than the actions of Osman, Mufia, and the cyber bully named Ralph Nadir.

For quite a while now you have been reading my articles touting healthcare reform and I respect the efforts of Sen. Santos, the Senate president, and other members of the House and Senate who have championed this undertaking and gone off in their direction. The sad thing is that with little happening elsewhere the result is history repeating itself. CCHC is predictably insolvent and bankrupt, and you still don't have private doctors wanting to come set up private practice to fill in the voids. In fact, Medicaid is being taken away from the few private doctors who do remain. Having Medicaid, the Department of Public Health, and the clinics of Tinian and Rota all under the same overall budget and within the whims of the CHCC CEO is like throwing more cargo onto a sinking ship. Where is

the oversight and where are the people to remove weight from this water filling 35-year-old steam vessel? You can argue for or against the board of trustees being entrusted with CHCC oversight but let's have some oversight somewhere!

As it stands now the only true oversight to the CHCC CEO is the governor himself, a good man but conflictively receiving healthcare at CHCC because there is only one hospital in the NMI. If the health committees of both the House and Senate oversee the board of trustees, then in turn oversee the CHCC CEO, then at least we have the "people" in charge and not a fiefdom. Otherwise, history is going to repeat itself "for it is the doom of men that we forget." I wish that I was wrong but the pieces are predictably falling apart and it didn't have to happen. It doesn't have to go down further if the few stop acting in their own self-interest.

We have much in common, you and I. We can both look at the same Milky Way tonight. We are both human beings sharing a common bond of helping each other get through this thing called life, as short as it is. We are both Catholics, for the majority. On that note may I tell you that I was perplexed as a child attending Mass with my parents. People stood tall facing the altar and beholding to INRI, Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews. Two hours after Mass and these same people couldn't even tell you what was said during the Readings and what relevance it had to their lives. The next day and these same brothers and sisters are back to being indignant and selfish. I wish I had my dad back because I would ask him why? Why bother taking the time to go to church if one hasn't opened his heart to

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ward, Judd wrote about "the ripe dangers that invariably accompany being a woman and having an opinion about sports or, frankly, anything else."

These anonymous smears can have fatal consequences. A 12-year-old Florida girl, Rebecca Ann Sedwick, committed suicide in 2013 after months of vicious online harassment by at least a dozen classmates. Anonymous comments also figured in the 2011 suicide of Jamey Rodemeyer, a Buffalo teen who was terrorized over his sexual orientation.

A number of states, including New York, have passed laws against cyberstalking and cyberharassment—but the rest of us aren't waiting for the courts.

My husband and I recently broke up a party our daughter threw at our house—we ob-

jected to the teens smashing our furniture—and the next morning, I woke to Yik Yak about my daughter's virtue that struck me to my heart. Is this true, I asked her?

"Mom, they're just giving me a hard time because you broke up the party," she said.

I wouldn't have known what Yik Yak was until some savior parents alerted me on Facebook. Yik Yak is a particularly vile messaging app with no user profiles—affording maximum anonymity for commenters.

To what end, I wonder? It's as dark a space as a coward could desire for bellowing hatred. We need to drag them back into the light.

Lewinsky's new mission is right on target—and it's a much better ending to her story than the blue dress.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Why more doctors don't come to the NMI

It is the middle of the night here in Idaho and I can't sleep. I look at the Milky Way and I see the same stars that you will see tonight, tucked away in a Pacific island paradise. The islands are thousands of miles away and without healthcare reform passing both houses and surviving the inevitable veto by the governor, my thoughts are still with you via the hundreds of emails I keep receiving about your dire healthcare situation. I don't know what more to do? It's like that itchy spot on my dog's back. He can feel it but he just can't seem to get his paw into the right place. Lessons in life seem to find that same itchy way of repeating themselves, centuries erase memories and finally we call it history.

Did you know that most personality traits are ingrained by the age of 15? My dad was the VP of an insurance group and he left me with some Catholic lessons, maybe not his own but nonetheless lessons he wanted me to learn growing up as a kid. The first is, "When in doubt, follow the money trail." The second is, "Outside of family, there are few altruistic acts and people generally act first in their own self best interests." The third is, "History often repeats itself," the focal topic tonight that percolates in my thoughts.

The Office of the Public Auditor and the Legislature's CPA have both found areas of CCHC where money appears gone and can't be traced. Could this just be poor accounting? My father taught me that "if I didn't have the talents needed then I should

surround myself with people who do and learn from them." I am left wondering why CCHC hasn't come up to speed with the simple and basic accounting principles after so many years now? Where is the money trail?

Shifting gears for a second, I would like to say that the CNMI's judicial system appears swift, just, and impressive once things get to the courts, but actions of ambivalence to the law before matters get to the legal system is disconcerting, run amuck by adults well beyond the maturation age of 15, many in key government posts.

We see history repeating itself within some areas of the government or government-owned entities. There is a medieval feudal

system vibe within the CNMI, and an underlying current of fealty, serfs, and a fiefdom. Within this presumed loyalty is also a sense of fear for one's job and good paying jobs are scarce. To find history repeating itself, look no further than the actions of Osman, Mufia, and the cyber bully named Ralph Nadir.

My dad taught me that standing up to bullies was the only way to deal with them. I respectfully bring attention then to Ralph Nadir in the context of the new anti-cyber bullying laws. For other doctors, if the rule of law doesn't protect them before the court processes, i.e., the hospital bylaws, then what protection is there as they try to use their skills to care for your loved ones? Do we, as a measure of society, just remain silent and let the bullies take over?

Christ's message? Wouldn't it be more fun to just go to the beach on Sunday mornings instead? It's a lesson that my dad didn't get the time to answer and now I too am old. Some people go to church, my faith, and they are just plain mean.

I've spent 28 years in healthcare. Besides being an orthopedic and spine surgeon, this is what I do, medical staff and healthcare governance, and there is one last lesson that comes to mind before I try to salvage the few remaining hours of sleep this night. Again it is from my mentor, my friend, my father. He said, "Son, there are three kinds of people in the world: those that make things happen,

those that watch things happen, and those that sit back and wonder what happened?" Perhaps, if you are sitting in a bar reading this right now, could you please just say nothing and step aside? For those that feel the need for change, please contact your representative or senator and be a voice, be counted, be somebody.

For those government leaders, please act altruistically and don't make this boring too. People have given up on you and expect that nothing will change but they will still smile at you in church. Please let them see you working for "them."

Dr. Grant Walker
via email

Procurement And Supply
CNMI Government

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

RFP15-DOC-0064

Preparation of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy For the Government of the Northern Mariana Islands
(Funded by the Economic Development Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce)

RFP SUBMISSION: MAY 11, 2015 AT 10:00 A.M., LOCAL TIME or e-mail to procurement@ptlicom.com

The proposal package will be available on or after April 01, 2015 at the Office of the Secretary of Commerce or online website page at www.commerce.gov.mp.

A mandatory pre-proposal conference is scheduled for 10:00 a.m., local time, April 17, 2015 at the Commonwealth Development Authority located in San Jose Village, Saipan, MP 96950.

Questions concerning this RFP are due no later than the close of business, April 22, 2015 and shall be submitted, in writing, to the Secretary of Commerce at facsimile number (670) 664-3067 or email to ceds@commerce.gov.mp.

Responses to questions will be sent to all registered prospective proposers no later than the close of business, April 30, 2015.

The CNMI government reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any imperfection in any proposal if, in its opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of the CNMI. All proposals shall become the exclusive property of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands government.

/s/ MARK O. RABAULIMAN
Secretary of Commerce

/s/ HERMAN S. SABLAM
Director, Procurement and Supply

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A mandatory pre-bid conference will be held at 10:00 a.m. on April 14, 2015, at the NMHC Conference Room, Saipan.

This project is funded by a grant from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), under its Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP).

/s/ Tom Glenn A. Quitugua
Board Chairman & Contracting Officer

/s/ HERMAN S. SABLAM
Director, Division of Procurement & Supply

JP and Cancer Alertness Walk this April 18

Tan Holdings will hold its annual walk in memory of former Tan Holdings executive John Pangelinan on April 18.

This time, however, it will be called the JP and Cancer Alertness Walk to better represent the event's campaign to

spread cancer awareness in the community.

All proceeds from the event will be donated to the Commonwealth Cancer Association's Marianas March Against Cancer.

Like previous years, the walk will start at the pavilion

across the JP Center (named after John Pangelinan) in Garapan and end at the Susupe Beach Park just after the Kanoa Resort in Susupe.

The start time for the 5-kilometer walk is 4:30pm. A registration fee of \$10 will be collected from participants, with Tan Holdings employees needing to pay only \$5 (the other \$5 will be paid by their respective affiliates).

The first 150 participants to sign up (whether Tan Holdings employees or not) will get a commemorative T-shirt.

The participation fee entitles participants to light refreshments and a raffle ticket after the walk. Transportation from the Susupe Beach Park going back to JP Center will be provided.

John passed away in Feb. 5.

2008. At the time of his death, he was the publisher of *Saipan Tribune*. Before joining the *Tribune*, John worked for Tan Holdings for 23 years in various capacities in both Saipan and Guam. John was born on Saipan on Oct. 26, 1937. (PR)

MCS' President's List and Honor Roll

Mount Carmel School congratulates the following students for making it to the 3rd Quarter President's List and Honor Roll. (Note that students are listed in alphabetical order according to their last names.)

PRESIDENT'S LIST

Students must have a GPA of 4.00 or above and must attain character marks of VG or above.

1st GRADE

Backe, Asa Vanessa
Buenaflo, Oscar Bien R.

Dela Santa, Heleyna E.
Estella, Valerie Anne R.
Hayes, Alana P.
Javier, Lance Jericho
Lansangan, Lexi Marie N.
Maratita, Elise Divine F.
Matsumoto, Ayanna Faith H.
Mendoza, Mikaehla Paige R.
Ogo, Therese Joy O.
Pangelinan, Joseph Brandon
Santiago, Gavril Myles R.
Tenorio, Jessiana B.
Tomokane, Peige Morgan N.

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Castro, Kenneth Salinas
Chang, Jada Marie B.
Kautz, Claire Regina G.
Lobo, Angelo Tabamo
Mallari, Audrein Jennifer M.
Mallari, Laizza Vianca A.
Naputi, Elialyn Maria C.
Nicholas, Jalen Jeremiah B.
Palacios, Tricia J.
Reyes, Chelsy Anne L.
Sablan, Kiana Cecilia N.
Santos, Dylan D.
Sasamoto, Hitomi Rosa S.
Steele, Lyssa Rae P.
Taimanao, Aryana A.
Tenorio, Malina Rose

Toskas, Ari James

3RD GRADE

Dayrit, Jenarisa Mae S.
Gamab, Gwen Tiffany D.
Guerrero, Ruben Antonio C.
Propst, Devin Jordan M.
Reyes, Tiffany Geraldine M.
Reyes, Vicente Jose B.
Sablan, Andrew B.
San Nicolas, Earle Gabrel L.

4TH GRADE

Cabrera, Kyla Monique B.
Dela Cruz, Kina M.
Galang, Raphael Christian P.
Green, Lynzey Valencia C.
Hunter, Brissa C.
Muna, Breanna S.
Muna, Sienna Jade B.
Omar, Salina Jacklin I.
Ortizo, Brent Matthew E.
Palacios, Ryona Exsleen S.
Pangelinan, Manuel Jaccinto M.
Sablan, Mathew Adrian A.
Sasamoto, Derek Moritaro S.
Sasamoto, YuriHana Rosa DLG.

5TH GRADE

Aldave, Lynette Anne D.
Bucalig, Fiona Marielle A.
Diaz, Jeremiah Jerome H.
Kang, Jerica Dahyun
Steele, Richard Ramon P.
Travilla, Kaia De Jesus

6TH GRADE

Avendano-Woodruff, Katherine Stephanie
Castro, Coloma Agualin B.
Hunter, Brandee C.
Sablan, Penelope F.

7TH GRADE

Borja, Kalea Lou B.
Ham, Jim Michael V.

8TH GRADE

Acosta, Ydylle Faye C.
Batusin, Aldwin Ray T.
Bobadilla, Jan Emmanuel Dlc.
Cho, Hyo Lim
Cunanan, Erika Gabrielle D.
Han, Louisa Sa
Macaranas, Dayna Lou M.
Manese, Angelo Gabriel C.
Pangelinan, Rosalia Francine A.

Ramirez, Reica Jucel A.
Sato, Karen

9TH GRADE

Lazaro, Maria Christine M.
Lim, Nathanael D.
Melchor, Jeff Mathew B.
Palacios, Michelle L.
Torres, Cassidy Victoria C.
Toskas, Jonelle Gwyneth
Usi, Monica
Zheng, Rui Hua (Theresa)

10TH GRADE

Camacho, Elijah Marie P.
Cushing, Arron Christopher
Deleon Guerrero, Zeno Jr. C.

Doctor, Jacqueline B.
Han, Da Young
Higuchi, Kai
Hunter, Brianna C.
Jun, You Jin
Lee, Eric
Ortizo, Michael Roy E.
Palacios, Cheng Yang

11TH GRADE

Bang, Ji Eun (Andrea)
Deleon Guerrero, Lance Vincent Q.
Evangelista, Amalina Delamona L.
Hofschneider, Stephen Anton
Iwai, Emiri
Javier, Cathryn Jane A.
Kim, Ki Youn (David)
Kim, Min Gyu
Manglona, Thomas Lee II
Pak, Han Byeol (Julie)
Pangelinan, Jonathan R.

12TH GRADE

Babauta, Peter Thomas A.
Camacho, William Dlg.
Dandan, Miguel Lorenzo
Delos Santos, Savannah Lyn R.
Kim, Da Hyun
Lazaro, Maria Fe Andrea M.
Lee, Woo Ri (Esther)
Romolor, Itchakomi Nelwoolum T.
Roxas, John Dexter V.
Sato, Masami
Seo, Grace Yoo
Son, Jung Hyun

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1ST GRADE

Bahillo, Ida-Candida Emeilia S.

Cruzana, Joaquin Ian M.
Deleon Guerrero, Nyla N.
Kapileo, Vivica Jewels D.
Manglona, Maxine C.
Rabauliman, Sophia Miley O.
Travilla, Riana Joy P.

2nd GRADE

Chae, Davina K.
Duenas, Quimari Liwerscheng B.
Lee, Jamie
Pamintuan, Manuel Vidal
Perez, Gregorio Jr. M.
Sablan, Aaliyah Victoria B
Silva, Maui K. P.
Taisacan, Nevaeh Sky B.

3rd GRADE

Blanco, Elisa Ellen E.
Bocago, Ranasia S.
Dela Cruz, L'wina Lynn
Manglona, Aiyana Jade R.
Torres, Maria Yoshie C.

4th GRADE

Baldazo, Keehara Nielsen V.
Camacho, Vidal Jose H.
Dancoe, Lady Vanessa P.

Diaz, Carlo Crisdeo H.
Reyes, Tiara Maya I.
Sablan, Aubriana-Maria A.

5th GRADE

Combinido, Jewel Monique M.
Guerrero, Christian Felix C.
Mallari, Vaughn Andrei A.
Mendiola, Alleah Marie R.
Muna, Devon Tyler S.
Propst, Kiana Lei M.
Sablan, Vidal Jose B.
Schweiger, Theresa Rose C.
Sheu, Jeffrey Yue
Tenorio, Joshua C.
Tenorio, Mariana B.
Villar, Jedic Nathaniel C.

6th GRADE

Galang, Aldraine Angelo P.
Minami, William K.
Reyes, Kyana Frances Dlg.
Sato, Maaya
Tomboc, Reuben Christian O.

7th GRADE

Alcantara, Princess Luisa
Bucalig, Francesca Marie A.
Deleon Guerrero, William Blake C.
Javier, Lleyton Andre A.
Kim, Yu Dam
Pak, Nicole Mae F.
Paul, Monita P.
Reyes, Blake Anthony M.
Yamagata-Santos, Danielle Jaden K.

8th GRADE

Attao, Alyssa Marie P.
Castro, Rosa Engracia P.
Gomez, Peyton Ha'ani R.
Jun, Angela
Kim, Yu Mi
Ocampo, Justin Gerald P.
Pangelinan, Joanna Maria R.
Terlaje, Maria Lael G.

9th GRADE

Heo, Paul
Mafnas, Shana Marie L.
Mendiola, Erika Marie R.
Yun, Seok Jun

10th GRADE

Camacho, Keona A
Castro, Jose Antonio P.
Reyes, Karleen Rita
Santos, Joshua G.
Travilla, Jan-Nasia Jean B.

11th GRADE

Amog, Quinn Ely E.
Hirayama, Risa
Kim, Seo Hyeon
Kwon, So Hyun (Cynthia)
Ryu, Sung Hun
Soledad, Jaime A.
Takahashi, Mikiya
Toves, Markel Retan

12th GRADE

Ahn, Sung Min
Camacho, Luisa Marie V.
Perez, Sean H.
Yoo, Helen



BEACH ROAD CLEANUP

The Department of Public Works would like to extend its appreciation to the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. staff for picking up trash from the Quartermaster Tank to the 13 Fishermen's Monument last March 20. They were joined by Reps. Ray Tebuteb, Ralph Yumul, and Vinnie Sablan. According to their coordinator Heidi Yelin, they picked and filled up six 33-lb trash bags. They started at 2:30pm and ended at 4pm. The Adopt-a-Highway program, CUC and the rest of the members are encouraging the public to dispose of your trash properly. Any organization or businesses wishing to join the program can call DPW for more information.

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Business

Small investors blame bad advice from brokers for big losses

NEW YORK (AP)—Susan Bernardo trusted her stock-broker. She wound up losing a fortune.

Her broker, David Harris, advised her to sell \$400,000 worth of relatively safe municipal bonds, she says, and sink the proceeds into real estate and energy partnerships in hopes of earning more income. She had received the money from a settlement after her husband died in an accident and needed it to raise her small son.

More than six years later, those investments are in trouble. The stream of interest payments she used for living expenses has mostly dried up and the value of her portfolio is half of what it was, according to a financial planner who helped her file a claim against the broker.

Bernardo says Harris never told her how risky the new investments were, or about the fat 5 percent commission that brokers typically get selling them. Harris hasn't returned calls seeking comment.

That her broker might not have acted in her best interest never occurred to her, until recently.

"I thought, 'OK, someone is watching over me,'" says Bernardo, now 57, of Wantagh, New York. "Maybe I was naive."

The Obama administration thinks too many brokers aren't looking out for their clients, and instead pushing risky and costly investments in a rush for big commissions. The White House is backing a proposed rule it hopes will help end the practice. The new rule would require brokers handling retirement accounts to put the interest of their clients ahead of their own, a so-called fiduciary



AP
In this Friday, March 6, 2015 photo, retired architect Steve Meadows poses for a photo at his home in the Venice area of Los Angeles. Meadows is angry that the brokerage industry is not held to the same high standards as his own industry.

standard long required of lawyers, doctors and some financial professionals like registered investment advisers.

Under the current rule, brokers must limit their recommendations to what is "suitable" for clients based on their financial situation and appetite for risk. That's too weak, critics say. Brokers don't have to offer cheaper alternatives or keep an eye on the investments. Critics say this current rule has allowed brokers to invest too much of their clients' money in high-fee mutual funds that erode returns over the years, or put it in risky products that can wallop them with losses.

In announcing its support for stricter standards, the White

House cited a report from its Council of Economic Advisers that estimates brokers with conflicts of interest are cutting returns in individual retirement accounts by 1 percent a year, or about \$17 billion.

And if brokers were held to the same standard as doctors or lawyers, critics say, fewer would be cleared of wrongdoing by the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, or FINRA, an industry-funded group that oversees arbitrations and can impose fines and other penalties. More than six of 10 FINRA arbitrations last year resulted in no award for investors, though many cases were withdrawn or settled before a ruling.

"When they give bad, conflicted advice, they should be held liable, and they're not," says Mercer Bullard, a law professor at the University of Mississippi. "Unless they're a fiduciary, it's very difficult to win that case."

Details of the proposed rule haven't been hammered out, but lobbying for and against it is already intense.

A lobby group for the securities industry, the Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association, or SIFMA, is trying to kill the rule, which was proposed by the Labor Department. It fears officials there lack expertise about the brokerage industry and will write the rule in a way that will make it too costly for brokers to help clients with small accounts, and force them to stop advising them. It would rather the Securities and Exchange Commission, the main agency overseeing Wall Street, take the lead.

In a speech earlier this month, the head of the SEC, Mary Jo White, said the agency is exploring the idea of a rule of its own. She wants all brokers giving advice to be held to the higher standard, not just those handling retirement money.

William Percy wishes he'd been more careful with his broker. He says Sharon Kearney convinced him to hand over \$330,000 from 34 years of laying and repairing telephone lines at Pacific Bell. Kearney put that money into a variable annuity. It's a complicated product, and has drawn fire from regulators for its high costs and hidden risks. Percy says his annuity is now worth \$100,000.

"She was getting paid to get us into this," says Percy, 66, of Broomfield, Colorado. "That

was her mission. She wasn't looking out for my benefit."

Percy is suing Kearney and her firm, SagePoint Financial, in California state court, as are four other former Kearney clients. Her lawyer and SagePoint say they can't comment on the case, but note that Percy lost in arbitration before FINRA.

Critics of the current "suitability" rule, written in 1975, consider it dated and ineffective. Many brokers then filled their days taking orders to buy and sell stocks and bonds, not giving investment advice to ordinary workers. Workers generally didn't need advice because many had pension plans that guaranteed income after they retired. Back then, 401(k) accounts didn't exist.

Now most companies don't offer guaranteed pensions and, with 65 percent of retirement savings in 401(k) plans and IRAs, brokers have taken on the role of adviser.

Brokers are especially busy dispensing advice when people change jobs or retire and have the option of rolling over 401(k) accounts into IRAs, products that the Labor Department oversees.

Investors transferred \$350 billion into IRAs in 2013, a 45 percent jump in four years, according to researcher Cerulli Associates. Switching to one allows them to choose among many more funds and investment products than is typically available in a 401(k). But a 2013 study by a congressional auditor found that such moves were often a mistake because they can trigger high fees and commissions, and many investors are confused about the costs.

SIFMA, the securities lobby, disputes that \$17 billion is lost

each year in IRAs due to bad advice, the estimate cited by the White House, and warns against seeing a pattern in horror stories of individual cases.

"Can investors be better protected? Sure. There's always a way to get better advice and disclosure, and we support that," says Kevin Carroll, a managing director at the group. "But are customers in brokerage accounts being systematically harmed? The answer is no."

The problem isn't just that Wall Street keeps inventing funds and products, some too complicated for even the experts. It's that many people don't even know the basics about investing, like the typical fee for a mutual fund, how brokers get paid or the difference between a broker and registered adviser, says Barbara Roper, director of investor protection at the Consumer Federation of America. "The list of things that investors don't know is endless," she says.

Just how damaging that ignorance can be is often not clear until it's too late.

By the time Stephen Meadows realized his mistake, the retired architect had lost more than \$100,000, a fifth of his original investment, according to his lawyer, who is trying to get his money back in arbitration. His broker put him into non-traded REITs that pay large commissions to those selling them, but are difficult to unload in a pinch and, as Meadows found out, can sock you with losses.

Meadows says his broker never told him about the commissions, typically 7 percent of what's invested, or the numerous risks, which regulators have long warned about. But he rejects the notion he should have known better.

"If people want me to design a building for them, I don't expect them to know how to do that," says Meadows, 63. "Why would I tell someone who is my broker how to do his job?"

It was only when he needed cash last year and wanted to sell one of the REITs, that he realized his mistake: He was told he could only get back 4 percent of what he had invested. His former broker, John Martin, citing the arbitration, says he can't talk about the case or his commission. LPL Financial, which bought the firm where Martin worked, says it can't comment either. But it says it will defend itself against all claims.

SIDEBAR

4 tips to avoid getting fleeced by your broker

Can your broker or adviser be trusted? There is no way to be 100 percent certain, but far too many investors don't even take a few simple steps to protect themselves. Start by asking questions. Here are four key ones, and tips for finding the answers.

WHO'S PAYING YOU? If a broker or adviser is pushing a specific investment, maybe it's because they're getting paid to do so. Many mutual funds charge one-time "sales loads" or annual "12b-1" fees that come out of your pocket and go into theirs. Cheaper, equally good funds may be available, but they may not tell you.

Make sure to also ask about commissions, markups or hidden fees they may get for selling stocks, bonds and insurance products.

ARE YOU A FIDUCIARY? You're in safer hands if the broker or adviser is held to a fiduciary standard. That requires them to put your interest ahead of their own, so they must tell you about cheaper alternatives. They also must monitor your investment.

That's not the case for many brokers now. They are required only to limit recommendations to products that are "suitable" based on your financial situation, age and appetite for risk, which critics say gives too much room for foul play.

WHAT DO THOSE LETTERS MEAN? The number of professional designations and acronyms has jumped in recent years, but don't be fooled. Regulators say some reflect higher standards than others. If you're confused, best to insist that your

adviser has a well-known one, like certified financial planner, which has strict requirements and carries the weight of the fiduciary standard.

WHAT'S ON YOUR RAP SHEET? Client complaints and regulatory action against brokers can be found at a database maintained at industry regulator FINRA. Type in the name of the broker at <http://brokercheck.finra.org/Search/Search>. But the site isn't foolproof. Much of the information depends on brokers updating information themselves, and older complaints are purged regularly.

You may also want to check out your broker or adviser's so-called ADV form filed with the SEC at adviserinfo.sec.gov. It may help to Google the broker, too.

Nation

NSA: Car smashes into police vehicle at Fort Meade; 1 dead

FORT MEADE, Md. (AP)—

Two men dressed as women smashed a stolen car into a police vehicle after they disobeyed commands at the closely guarded gates of the National Security Agency on Monday, prompting police to open fire.

One of the men died, the other was injured and a police officer also was taken to a hospital. Details remained unclear hours later. Initial images from the scene showed emergency workers loading the uniformed officer into an ambulance. Nearby were a dark-colored SUV and an SUV emblazoned with “NSA Police,” both heavily damaged.

It was not known why the men wound up at the gate at Fort Meade, a sprawling military post that houses the National Security Agency, or why they did not obey orders from NSA police. Fort Meade is just off Interstate 295 between Baltimore and Washington.

The men were dressed as women, said a senior defense official who spoke on condition of anonymity because the official was not authorized to discuss an ongoing case. It also was unclear exactly what the men were wearing.

The NSA said in a news release that investigators have not yet determined how the man in the vehicle died, and the condi-



AP
A police officer directs a vehicle to turn away at the National Security Agency, Monday, March 30, 2015, in Fort Meade, Md.

1 dead after car rams police vehicle at Fort Meade



Source: AP
Graphic: Staff, TNS

campus. The man, who was also accused of shooting at vehicles, told police he heard voices.

Fort Meade also is home to the Defense Information Systems Agency and the U.S. Cyber Command. About 11,000 military personnel and about 29,000 civilian employees work on the property.

The NSA's presence is clearly visible in the area, with large satellite dishes and glass and steel buildings rising from the tree line. Chain link fences marked with restricted access signs and topped with barbed wire run along the perimeter of the campus.

Posted signs inform drivers of various exits for the NSA and Fort Meade, including one for deliveries, another for the visitors center and one designated only for employees.

tions of the wounded man and officer were not disclosed.

An agency officer gave the driver “routine instructions for safely exiting the secure campus,” but the driver disobeyed them, the release said. The driver then accelerated toward a police vehicle blocking the road, and police then opened fire.

An FBI spokeswoman said

earlier in the day that the incident was not believed to be linked to terrorism. The NSA said the incident was contained to the perimeter of the secure campus.

The car that rammed the police vehicle had been stolen Monday morning from a hotel in Jessup, Maryland, said Mary Phelan, a spokeswoman for the

Howard County Police Department. She declined to name the hotel, citing the ongoing investigation, or release any further details, referring all questions to the FBI.

A strip of hotels, motels and other businesses is less than 10 miles from Fort Meade in Jessup.

The FBI is investigating and working with the U.S. Attorney's

Office in Maryland to determine if federal charges are warranted, FBI spokeswoman Amy J. Thoreson said in an email.

It's not the first time someone has disobeyed orders at an NSA gate. In July, a man failed to obey an NSA officer's command to stop as he approached a checkpoint. The man drove away, injuring an NSA officer and nearly striking a barricade. He was later arrested.

Earlier this month, police captured a man accused of firing at a building on the NSA

Indiana lawmakers try to quiet firestorm surrounding new law

INDIANAPOLIS (AP)—Gov. Mike Pence called off public appearances Monday and sports officials planned an “Indy Welcomes All” campaign ahead of this weekend’s NCAA Final Four in Indianapolis as lawmakers scrambled to quiet the firestorm over a new law that has much of the country portraying Indiana as a state of intolerance.

Republican legislative leaders said they are working on adding language to the religious-objections law to make it clear that the measure does not allow discrimination against gays and lesbians. As signed by Pence

last week, the measure prohibits state laws that “substantially burden” a person’s ability to follow his or her religious beliefs. The definition of “person” includes religious institutions, businesses and associations.

“What we had hoped for with the bill was a message of inclusion, inclusion of all religious beliefs,” Republican House Speaker Brian Bosma said. “What instead has come out is a message of exclusion, and that was not the intent.”

The efforts fell flat with Democrats, who called for a repeal, and even some Republicans.

“They’re scrambling to put a good face on a bad issue. What puzzles me is how this effort came to the top of the legislative agenda when clearly the business community doesn’t support it,” said Bill Oesterle, an aide to Republican former Gov. Mitch Daniels and CEO of consumer reporting agency Angie’s List, which canceled expansion plans in Indianapolis because of the law.

Indianapolis Mayor Greg Ballard, a Republican, said the law threatens to undermine the city’s economic growth and reputation as a convention and

tourism destination and called for lawmakers to add protections for sexual orientation and gender identity to Indiana civil-rights laws.

“I call upon Governor Pence and the Indiana Legislature to fix this law. Either repeal it or pass a law that protects all who live, work and visit Indiana. And do so immediately. Indianapolis will not be defined by this,” Ballard said.

After a two-hour private meeting of House Republicans, Bosma said Monday that repealing the law isn’t “a realistic goal at this point.”

Student loan recipients go on repayment strike, face default

WASHINGTON (AP)—Sarah Dieffenbacher is on a debt strike. She’s refusing to pay back their loans, according to the Debt Collective group behind the strike.

They’re meeting Tuesday with officials from the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, an independent government agency that already has asked the courts to grant relief to Corinthian students who collectively have taken out more than \$500 million in private student loans.

The Education Department is the group’s primary target, because they want the department to discharge their loans. A senior department official is scheduled to attend the meeting.

Denise Horn, an Education

Department spokeswoman, said the department has taken steps to help Corinthian students, but is urging them to make payments to avoid default. The department has income-based repayment options.

By not paying back their loans, the former Corinthian students potentially face a host of financial problems, such as poor credit ratings and greater debt because of interest accrued.

The former students argue that the department should have done a better job regulating the schools and informing students that they were under investigation.

“I would like to see them have

to answer for why they allowed these schools to continue to take federal loans out when they were under investigation for the fraudulent activity they were doing,” said Dieffenbacher, 37.

Dieffenbacher said she received an associate’s degree in paralegal studies from Everest College in Ontario, California, and later went back for a bachelor’s in criminal justice before later dropping out. She said she left school with about \$80,000 in federal loans and \$30,000 in private loans, but when she went to apply for jobs at law firms she was told her studies didn’t count for anything.

ACROSS THE NATION

Arizona governor vetoes bill shielding names of officers

PHOENIX (AP)—Arizona Gov. Doug Ducey vetoed legislation Monday requiring law enforcement agencies to keep the names of officers involved in shootings secret for two months, nixing a bill that was inspired by last year’s events Ferguson, Missouri, and similar incidents around the country. Ducey said in a lengthy veto letter that he sympathized with backers who sought to protect officers. But he said he listened most to police chiefs who told him that an arbitrary hold on releasing the names of officers would limit their ability to manage complex community-police relations. Legislatures around the nation are taking up various pieces of police shooting legislation, including proposals requiring police to wear body cameras or mandating that shooting investigations be done by outside agencies. But Arizona is apparently the only state considering new rules for releasing the names of officers, said Ezekiel Edwards, director of the Criminal Law Reform Project at the American Civil Liberties Union.

Church van crashes into canal, killing 8 and injuring 10

FORT PIERCE, Fla. (AP)—The congregants of a close-knit Haitian church gathered Monday around Nicolas Alexis, hoping to learn what happened to 18 friends and loved ones who had been expected to return that morning from a late Palm Sunday service. Alexis described how he frantically tried to check who was alive after their overloaded church van crashed in the darkness in rural southwest Florida. Three men who had been seated near the 57-year-old died. Alexis said he kicked out a window to escape. “I just know there is a God,” said Alexis, sitting in a chair dragged outside the Independent Haitian Assembly of God to ease the pain in his bandaged leg and fractured ribs. The crash early Monday in Glades County, about 60 miles from the Fort Pierce church, killed eight people. Alexis, the church’s pastor and eight others were injured.

Asia

Japan extends sanctions vs NKorea

TOKYO (AP)—Japan plans to extend its sanctions against North Korea for two more years when they expire April 13 after failing to get promised updates on an investigation into kidnappings of Japanese citizens decades ago, the government spokesman said Tuesday.

“At this point, we are asking North Korea to ensure it quickly conducts the investigation into the abductions and other areas and make sure they report to us,” Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshihide Suga told reporters.

“The results need to be shared quickly and informatively,” Suga said.

Suga said Japan had decided that keeping the sanctions in place would be the “most effective approach” in handling the situation.

Japan bans North Korean-registered ships from entering

its ports except for humanitarian reasons. It also bans chartered flights between the countries.

In 2002, North Korea admitted to kidnapping 13 Japanese nationals in the 1970s and '80s to train spies in Japanese language and culture. Five of them were allowed to return to Japan the same year, and Pyongyang says the others had died or never entered the North.

Japan believes hundreds more may have been abducted and that many of them may still be alive, and questions over their fate, along with other issues such as North Korea’s nuclear program, have kept relations frozen.

Prime Minister Shinzo Abe has made securing some progress on the issue a high priority for his administration, and in the biggest step forward in years the North agreed in May 2014 during talks in Stockholm, Sweden,

to reinvestigate the abductions. It also promised a probe into all Japanese nationals living in North Korea.

In exchange Tokyo lifted a ban on North Koreans visiting Japan, allowing them in on a case-by-case basis, and made it easier for Japanese and ethnic Koreans in Japan to travel to North Korea. It also raised the reporting limit for money taken or sent to North Korea and approved port calls by North Korean ships, but only for humanitarian purposes, limited to small shipments of food, medicine and clothes.

Japan still abides by separate U.N. sanctions imposed because of North Korea’s nuclear and missile programs. They include an arms trade ban, a freeze of North Korean assets, a ban on people exchanges and restrictions on education and training.

again. I feel helpless.”

After many faulted the government last year for failing to anticipate such flooding, and for taking too long to respond, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday dispatched a special team to assess the threat and to get relief efforts moving.

The government of the Indian-controlled portion of the region had issued a flood warning Sunday night as river levels approached the danger mark. On Monday, a junior minister assured that the central government was working with the region to offer whatever help it could.

“We understand the kind of panic among people, because they have faced such difficulties in September as well. So, we are all prepared,” said Kiren Rijiju from the Home Ministry in New Delhi.

huge piles of mud that buried the houses, said Manoj Pandit, a police spokesman. Rescue workers were searching for at least 10 others who were in the buildings when they were hit by the landslide, he said.

The flooding after three days of heavy rain renewed fears among the tens of thousands who have struggled to rebuild after flooding in September destroyed thousands of homes and infrastructure worth \$17 billion. For days in September, many residents were left stranded on rooftops or the upper floors of buildings as bloated livestock carcasses floated by. For weeks, heaps of garbage piled up in the waterlogged city.

“My house has been submerged,” Srinagar resident Zareena Bano said. “Last year, too, it was submerged, and today

American blogger known for speaking out against religious extremism was hacked to death in Dhaka. In the latest incident, Washiqur Rahman Babu, 26, was declared dead at a hospital shortly after being attacked in Dhaka’s Tejgaon area, police official Biplob Kumar Sarker said. Two suspects, both students at Islamic schools, were captured and three meat cleavers were recovered, Sarker said. The third suspect fled, he said.

Rhino rampages in Nepal city, killing 1 and injuring several

KATHMANDU, Nepal (AP)—A wild rhino charged into a city in southern Nepal on Monday, killing a woman, injuring several others and chasing panicked people through the main market and a hospital, an official said. Attempts to force the rhino out of Hetauda city by honking car horns and beating drums were unsuccessful, with the animal running from one area to another, government administrator Ram Prasad Thapaliya said. Teams with tranquilizer guns were on their way to attempt to capture it, he said. Thapaliya said the rhino fatally gored a 61-year-old woman on the outskirts of Hetauda, a city of about 135,000 people that borders a forested area. An unknown number of people were injured, he said.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Singapore charges teen for video criticizing Lee Kuan Yew

SINGAPORE (AP)—A court in Singapore on Tuesday charged a teenager over a video he posted online that was critical of the nation’s late founder and Christianity. In the eight-minute clip that was posted on YouTube, 16-year-old Amos Yee Pang Sang said that Lee Kuan Yew, Singapore’s first prime minister, and Jesus Christ were both “malicious,” among other disparaging comments. The video has been taken off Yee’s YouTube channel, but copies continue to circulate on social media. Yee was arrested Sunday, the same day the country held an elaborate state funeral for Lee, who died March 23 at age 91. He was charged Tuesday with three offenses—two for insulting Christianity and the late statesman, and another for allegedly transmitting online an “obscene representation.”

Blogger hacked to death in Bangladesh’s capital

DHAKA, Bangladesh (AP)—A blogger was hacked to death by three men in Bangladesh’s capital on Monday, and two of the attackers were caught near the scene, police said. The killing took place a month after a prominent Bangladeshi-

World

German co-pilot once treated for suicidal tendencies



AP

Flags representing different nations are deployed during ceremony with family members of victims in front of a stele, a stone slab erected as a monument, set up in memory of the victims in the area where the Germanwings jetliner crashed in the French Alps, in Le Vernet, France, Sunday, March 29, 2015.

DUESSELDORF, Germany

(AP)—How could someone once diagnosed with suicidal tendencies get a job as a commercial pilot, entrusted with the lives of hundreds of people? That’s the question being asked after officials confirmed

parent company, declined to say whether it knew of Lubitz’s mental health problems. But it said the young pilot had passed all required medical checks since starting work for its subsidiary two years ago.

Prosecutors in Duesseldorf, where Lubitz had an apartment, said the psychotherapy occurred over an extended period before he received his pilot’s license, and that medical records referred to “suicidal tendencies.” They provided no dates.

Lubitz started pilot training in 2008, though it’s unclear when he finished the at least three-year-long course and received his license. Lufthansa said he was certified to fly

their aircraft in 2013.

The country’s aviation authority wouldn’t comment on Lubitz’s health, despite acknowledging last week that his record with the agency noted he needed “specific regular medical examination” beyond the annual checkup required of all pilots.

“The German Federal Aviation Office isn’t directly responsible for assessing the air-medical fitness of pilots,” said Cornelia Cramer, a spokeswoman for the agency, which is in charge of granting pilots’ licenses.

Cramer said the medical checks are conducted by specially trained doctors, but declined to say whether their findings are passed on to the agency.

Saudi-led forces strike Yemen rebels, blockade ports

SANA, Yemen (AP)—Saudi-led naval forces imposed a blockade on Yemen’s ports as coalition airstrikes on Monday repelled an advance on the southern port city of Aden by Shiite rebels and forces loyal to a former president, in what appeared to be the most intense day of fighting since the air campaign began five days ago.

The move to block ports appeared aimed at preventing the rebels, known as Houthis, from rearming, and comes after the coalition achieved

full control of the skies and bombed a number of rebel-held airports. The rebels are supported by Iran, but both Iran and the Houthis deny Tehran has armed them.

As night fell, intense explosions could be heard throughout the rebel-held capital Sanaa, where warplanes had carried out strikes since the early morning. Military officials from both sides of the conflict said that airstrikes were targeting areas east and south of the third largest city

of Taiz, as well as its airport, while naval artillery and air-strikes hit coastal areas east of Aden.

“It’s like an earthquake,” Sanaa resident Ammar Ahmed said by telephone. “Never in my life have I heard such explosions or heard such raids.”

He said he could hear missiles whistling through the air and see flames rising from a military area in the southern neighborhood of Faj Attan, where Scud missiles are believed to be stored.

Iran nuclear talks near deadline; differences remain

LAUSANNE, Switzerland (AP)—Negotiations over Iran’s nuclear program reached a critical phase Monday with diplomats struggling to overcome substantial differences just a day before a deadline for the outline of an agreement.

With Tuesday’s target date for a framework accord just hours away, the top diplomats from the five permanent

members of the U.N. Security Council and Germany were meeting with Iran to try to bridge remaining gaps and hammer out an understanding that would serve as the basis for a final accord to be reached by the end of June.

“We are working late into the night and obviously into tomorrow,” said U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry, who has been meeting with

his Iranian counterpart Mohammad Javad Zarif in Lausanne since Thursday in an intense effort to reach a political understanding on terms that would curb Iran’s nuclear activities in exchange for sanctions relief.

“There is a little more light there today, but there are still some tricky issues,” Kerry said. “Everyone knows the meaning of tomorrow.”

Good Housekeeping

9 spring cleaning tips for allergy sufferers

By STEPHANIE SNAY

ANGIE'S LIST

Dust the baseboards. Check! Tackle the pantry. Check! And the bookshelves, and the—achoo! Spring cleaning stirring up allergens?

It's a double-edged sword. While tidy surfaces bring relief, cleaning them releases allergens into the air. How do you overcome this dilemma? Follow these tips from the pros.

1 Get to the root of the problem

Know your triggers and limits. Ear, nose and throat surgeon and board certified otolaryngologist Maureen Mulcahy of Lake Grove ENT in Lake Oswego, Ore., advises patients to get tested to identify specific allergens. "Then they can have a more targeted approach to cleaning," she says.

2 Spring for HEPA filters

Only sweep with a vacuum that contains a HEPA filter. And preferably someone who doesn't suffer from allergies should take on the chore. But if it can't be avoided, Mulcahy recommends you wear a mask. John Alzubi, owner of Smart Choice Cleaning in Springfield, Va., adds that wearing goggles helps, too.

3 Seek out water sources

Any freestanding water in the home presents a mold



KATELIN KINNEY/ANGIE'S LIST/TNS

To clean baseboards, first vacuum around them, then wipe down with a cloth and cleaning solution.

hazard. "Spring cleaning is a good time to look at any potential water source in your house," Mulcahy says. "If you have a leaky faucet or pipes that need better sealing, take care of that."

4 Crack open the windows (or shut them tight)

During allergy season, sufferers have inflamed mucous membranes. Mulcahy recommends ventilation if you're cleaning with any harsh chemicals. However, Michele Oswald, owner of Extra Step Cleaning in Ballwin, Mo., says that if outside allergens are your triggers, such as pollen or ragweed, you might want to keep them shut.

5 Avoid odors

Alzubi says to use fragrance-free cleaning products to avoid exacerbating allergy symptoms. He recommends green cleaning products, and avoiding bleach. Once again, it depends on your particular allergy. If you need to kill allergens, especially mold, Oswald says hydrogen peroxide acts as a natural bleach that won't assault your senses.

6 Trap dust—don't release it

"Don't use feather dusters at all," Alzubi says. He recommends something that can capture the dust, like a damp

microfiber cloth.

7 Maximize efficiency

Clean and dust top to bottom, left to right

THIS IS A HAMMER

Sharpening mower blades

By SAMANTHA MAZZOTTA

KING FEATURES SYND., INC.

Q: How do I sharpen the blades on my lawnmower?—Cara, via email

A: Dull mower blades are pretty rough on your lawn, tearing grass rather than cutting it, which can turn the tips brown, weaken the grass and promote the growth of fungus.

Sharpening mower blades is something not everyone does routinely, but you should commit to sharpening them at the beginning and end of the mowing season.

Do you need to sharpen them mid-season? Professional landscapers sharpen or change their mower blades every 12-15 hours of mowing time (yes, that's every day or two), so it would depend on the size of your yard and length of the growing season.

Here's how to change a blade:

1. Lay down a plastic sheet or dropcloth to prevent oil drips and grass cuttings from staining the work area.

2. Disconnect the spark plug from the starter wire, remove the spark plug itself, and make sure the fuel cap is tightly closed.

3. Turn the mower on its side. Using a socket wrench, unscrew the center nut that secures the blade to the mower deck and any other connecting bolts or nuts. If the blade keeps turning as you try to loosen the nut, wedge a piece of wood between a blade and the deck. Remove the blade and brush off any

and inside to outside, says Alzubi. This eliminates unnecessary work.

8 Don't ignore your bedroom

Oswald says consumers often instruct cleaners to skip their bedrooms, because no one will see them. However, Oswald and Mulcahy agree that the bedroom is the most important place to keep clean since you spend most of your time there. "You're in there for eight hours every night," Oswald says. "Make your room your sanctuary."

9 Call in reinforcements

Sometimes it might be best to hire a highly rated house cleaner to get your house in tiptop shape.

Mulcahy says to communicate openly with the cleaner, so they understand you're targeting specific problem areas. Oswald prefers that clients tell her about any allergy issues, including sensitivity to chemicals.

Alzubi adds that you can hire a house cleaner to do it all, or just for help in those allergen-ridden locations. His company charges \$95 per hour with a one-and-a-half hour minimum for two cleaners, supplies and equipment."Ask a company what their minimum time requirement is," he says. "Then make a punch list of the items you hate to do the most."

COMFORT FOOD

Spring Rhubarb Meringue Pie

By HEALTHY EXCHANGES

KING FEATURES SYND., INC.

No dessert says spring like rhubarb pie.

1 purchased refrigerated unbaked 9-inch pie crust

1 (4-serving) package sugar-free raspberry gelatin

1 (4-serving) package sugar-free vanilla cook-and-serve pudding mix

3/4 cup water
3 cups chopped fresh rhubarb
6 egg whites

Sugar substitute to equal 6 tablespoons sugar, suitable for baking

1 teaspoon almond extract
2 tablespoons slivered almonds

1. Preheat oven to 450 F. Place pie crust in 9-inch pie plate. Flute edges and prick bottom and sides with tines of a fork. Bake 8 to 10 minutes or until lightly browned. Place pie plate on a wire rack and cool completely.

2. Lower oven to 425 F. In medium saucepan, combine dry gelatin, dry pudding mix and water. Stir in rhubarb. Cook over medium heat for 10 minutes or until rhubarb becomes soft, stirring often. Pour rhubarb mixture into cooled pie crust.

3. In large bowl, beat egg whites on HIGH with electric mixer until soft peaks form. Add sugar substitute and almond extract. Continue beating until stiff peaks form.

4. Attach the spark plug and wire, and turn the mower upright.

A great overview of this process can be found here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eXLyGHF6El4>

HOME TIP: Worried that you'll forget which way to reattach a lawnmower blade? Snap a picture of the underside with your smartphone before starting the task.

**Each serving equals: 159 calories, 7g fat, 3g protein, 21g carb., 203mg sodium, 1g fiber; Diabetic Exchanges: 1 Starch/Carb., 1 Fat.*

KITCHEN DIVA

Egg-Cellent Easter

By ANGELA SHELF MEDEARIS AND GINA HARLOW

KING FEATURES SYND., INC.

The use of natural food dyes to color eggs became popular during medieval times. English kings distributed hundreds of decorated, gold-leaf eggs during Easter. Russian Czar Alexander III transformed this holiday custom to high-art when he commissioned the famous Faberge eggs as a gift for his wife, the Empress Maria Alexandrovna, from goldsmith Peter Carl Faberge.

Today, hard-cooked eggs act as a creative canvas for children and adults during the Easter holiday. For the perfect hard-cooked eggs, decorated with homemade dye, follow the directions below.

Preparing Eggs for Decoration

Tip: Keep the egg carton to store your Easter eggs in!

1. Bring eggs to room temperature.

2. Place the eggs in room temperature water in a large pot.

3. Bring to a boil, then turn down to a low boil for 12 minutes.

4. Quickly chill the eggs in ice-cold water.

5. The eggs must be completely cool and dry to decorate successfully.

6. Hard-cooked eggs should be kept refrigerated and used within one week.

NOTE: The greenish color around the yolk of hard-cooked eggs is a natural result of sulfur and iron reacting at the surface of the yolk. It may occur when eggs are cooked too long or at too high of temperature, or when there is a high amount of iron in the cooking water. Although the color may be unappealing, the eggs are still wholesome and nutritious, and their flavor is unaffected.

Greenish yolks can best be avoided by using the proper cooking time and temperature (avoid intense boiling) and by rapidly cooling the cooked eggs. Scrambled eggs can develop a

Egg-cellent Decorating Tips

1. Use crayons to gently color a design on the hard-cooked Easter eggs. If you want to dye the crayon-decorated eggs, the crayon wax will resist the dye and the design will show through.

2. Use craft supplies: buttons, sequins, glitter, beads, pieces of felt, or stickers. Use white or craft glue to attach the materials.

3. To make your own dye: Combine 1/2 to 1 tablespoon of food coloring with 2 teaspoons of white, distilled vinegar in a large cup or deep bowl. You can experiment by mixing the food coloring to create a variety of hues. Add water until the cup or bowl is half full.

4. Gently place the eggs into the dyeing liquid in the cup or bowl, using a soup spoon to avoid cracking the shell. The longer the eggs are left in the dye, the darker the color will become.

Happy Easter!

In Celebration of Her New Life

†Maria Indalecio Palacios

Lovingly known as “Nan Yaeko”

January 09, 1935 – March 27, 2015

In Her New life, She now joins Her:

Husband: †Dr. Francisco Taman Palacios
Father: †Toshijo Masamoto
Mother: †Ana P. Indalecio
Father In-Law: †Jose Fausto Palacios
Mother In-Law: †Rita Taman Palacios
Son: †Raymond Palacios
Granddaughter: †Elizabeth Brooke Palacios
Grandson: †Octavious Palacios
Brother In-Law: †Nicolas Taman Palacios
Sister In-Law: †Theodora Palacios Camacho

Her memories will forever live in the hearts of Her:

Children and Grandchildren:

Rex I. & Mariana Palacios (Brian/Meghan {Elliot}, Christina, Gabriella, Patricia, Gregorio Kilili, Mika {Miya} Sablan)

Mark I. & Bernadita Palacios (Velma {Damien}, Marvin {Tiana, Jaden, Caden}, Franklin, Mark Jr.)

Arnold I. & Wella Palacios (AG {Naiyah}, Nicole/Billy, Tiana/Jayvon {Aleiyah}, Eric)

Lars I. & Rose Palacios (Cedric, Rose/Julian {Elliana}, Francisco/Alison)

Lambert I. & Rita Palacios (Dane, Halina)

Allen I. & Josephine Palacios (Sherry Lynn/Miguel {Mikaela, Miguel Jr.} Katherine, Christopher, Christian, Allen)

†**Raymond I.** Palacios (John, Jason {Janeya}, Jacob, Rheana)

Frank I. & Claudia Palacios (Tawny, Jerome, Blair, Amiliana, Sharon, Hannah)

MaryAnn P. & Fernando Soto (Napu, Bandit)

Thomasa P. & James Mendiola (Derek Ilama/Dolores {Rufina, Ysabella}, Quina/Alex {James Landen, Paris}, James Jr. Nishiki, Yuki)

John Paul I. Palacios & Esther Manglona (Jared/Shaianna {Sadie}, Dustin, Ashley)

Eva I. Palacios (Justin, Brandon/Nailika {Cydnee}, Mariah/Philip)

Octavius I. Palacios

Alexander I. Palacios

Sisters In-Law and Spouses: Estefania P. & Robert Scruggs and Family

Thomasa P. & Milton Coleman and Family

Rosario S. Palacios and Family

Brother In-Law and Spouse: Angel T. and Bernadita Palacios

Special Uncle: Francisco Muna Palacios

She is additionally survived by numerous uncles, aunts, nieces, nephews, cousins, godchildren relatives and friends.

Mass of Intentions for the repose of Her soul are being celebrated daily at Kristo Rai Church at 06:00am.

Holy Rosary Schedule are as follows:

- Wednesday April 01, 2015 07:00pm
- Thursday April 02, 2015 12:00pm
- Friday April 03, 2015 10:00am
- Saturday April 04, 2015 12:00pm
- Sunday April 05, 2015 12:00pm

Funeral services will be held on Monday, April 06, 2015. Her remains will be escorted from Nuestra Senora dela Paz Memorial Chapel at 7:30am to Kristo Rai Church. Responso service will be at 8:15am followed by Holy Rosary at 8:30am. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00am followed by Interment service at Mt. Carmel Cemetery where she will be at a peaceful rest with her husband +Dr. Francisco Taman Palacios.

Please join us in prayers,
 Thank you and Si Yu'us Ma'ase

**From the Children and Family of the late †Dr. Francisco Taman Palacios
 and the late †Maria Indalecio Palacios**



Life & Style

By FRAZIER MOORE
AP TELEVISION WRITER

NEW YORK (AP)—Trevor Noah, a 31-year-old comedian from South Africa who has contributed to “The Daily Show” a handful of times in recent months, will become Jon Stewart’s replacement as host, Comedy Central announced Monday.

Noah was chosen a little more than a month after Stewart unexpectedly announced he was leaving “The Daily Show” following 16 years as the show’s principal voice.

New Jersey native Stewart is being replaced by the son of a black South African mother and white European father. Noah has an international presence, and hosted a late-night talk show in South Africa, “Tonight With Trevor Noah.”

Noah, who has appeared on Jay Leno and David Letterman, was the subject of a 2011 documentary film by David Paul Meyer, “You Laugh but It’s True,” which followed his career in post-apartheid South Africa.

He will join Larry Wilmore, a writer-comedian who replaced Stephen Colbert in January in the half-hour slot following “The Daily Show.” When Noah takes over, Comedy Central will have completely remade the one-hour comedy block that gave the network critical acclaim and, arguably, its identity. In an interview, Noah lik-

Trevor Noah set to replace Jon Stewart on ‘The Daily Show’

ened himself to Stewart, his soon-to-be-predecessor, as a fellow progressive.

“Obviously where you’re from may inform a lot of your decisions. But traveling the world I learned that progressives, regardless of their locations, think in a global space,” he said by phone from Dubai, where he is on a comedy tour.

“Although I’m a guy who happens to be not from the same place that Jon’s from,” he added, “I’ve lived in America for years before I went back out on the road and I’ve learned to love the place.”

He dismissed the notion that he’ll be “taking over” the program.

“I’m joining the team,” he said. “I get to be a part of that as the host and a face, sharing that space with my fellow correspondents.”

Noah made his debut on “The Daily Show” last December with a segment that poked fun at cliched American images of his native Africa. With a reference to the “hands up” gesture that was a symbol of protesters in Ferguson, Missouri, Noah said, “I never thought I’d be more afraid of police here than in South Africa. It kind of made me nostalgic for the old days back home.”



AP
In this photo taken Oct. 27 2009 South African comedian Trevor Noah is photographed during an interview.

and Amy Poehler were among the comics cited in public polls as favorites for the new role, but there’s no indication they were interested or considered.

“We love women,” said Michele Ganeless, Comedy Central president. “We talked to women and we talked to men, and we really think we found the best person for the job in Trevor.”

Although at the moment he is less than a household name, Ganeless called his selection not so much a risk as an opportunity.

“He was poised to explode here in this country over the next couple of years, and obviously this will accelerate that process,” she said. “But people won’t come to the show with preconceptions. They will get to discover him, and form their opinions of him, as they watch him host.”

Stewart has been a part of the cultural landscape with a bitingly comic look at the news and how it is covered in the media. He has not set a date for his exit from “The Daily Show” and, as a result, Comedy Central said nothing on Monday about when Noah would take over.

Stewart offered his endorsement on Monday.

“I’m thrilled for the show

and for Trevor,” he said. “He’s a tremendous comic and talent that we’ve loved working with ... In fact, I may rejoin as a correspondent just to be part of it.”

In South Africa, the announcement made breaking news on a national television news station. On social media, Noah’s name became a trending topic within minutes, with some Twitter users saying he not only represented South Africa, but also the African continent.

South Africa’s main opposition party, the Democratic Alliance, congratulated Noah on his appointment.

“This is a big achievement not only for South Africa but the continent,” the party said in a statement.

“I’m sure he’ll turn it into his own thing,” said South African comedian Loyiso Gola, who now also hosts an International Emmy-nominated local news satire show. As comedy grew in South Africa after apartheid, Noah and his fellow comedians began selling out large venues, and soon began touring internationally.

“Out of a lot of guys I know in comedy, he probably works the hardest,” said Gola, adding that Noah had spent years honing his stand-up routine.

Noah used his biracial identity to challenge South Africa’s race issues, using personal anecdotes from his own life. Growing up biracial in the formerly segregated township of Soweto, Noah once said his birth was a crime.

South Africa’s idiosyncrasies, from party politics to the high crime rate, provided regular material.

“It’s good for everything South African and it’s good for comedy,” said Gola.

Jay Z, Madonna, Minaj among owners of new streaming service

NEW YORK (AP)—Madonna, Rihanna, Beyoncé and Jay Z are among the A-List musicians who are co-owners of Tidal, a streaming service being billed as the first artist-owned platform for music and video.

The membership-based service—similar to subscription service Spotify—will provide music and video content that users can stream on computers, tablets and smartphones or listen to offline. It is being offered at two price points: \$10 for standard sound quality and \$20 for “lossless high fidelity sound quality.”

Few other details were released about the streaming service.

Kanye West, Daft Punk, Alicia Keys, Jack White and Nicki Minaj also were among the artists who announced at a New York City event Monday that they are co-owners of the service that quietly launched in October. Keys said the artists hope Tidal will “forever change the course of music history” and ensure the viability

of the industry.

The celebrities—who also included Jason Aldean, Usher, members of Arcade Fire and deadmau5—stood in a line onstage as Keys spoke to the audience at Skylight at Moynihan Station in Manhattan. Most of them wore black as a sign of solidarity. Keys called the event “a graduation.”

“So we come together before you on this day, March 30th, 2015, with one voice in unity in the hopes that today will be another one of those moments in time, a moment that will forever change the course of music history. For today we announce of Tidal, the first ever artist-owned, global music and entertainment platform,” Keys said.

The venue for the event was transformed to display a walkway paying tribute to the different decades in music, starting with the 1950s.

Coldplay’s Chris Martin and Calvin Harris, who both appeared via video, are also co-owners.

He played a game of “Spot the Africa,” contrasting a picture of a gleaming new central African superhighway with a pothole-filled picture of New York’s FDR drive he took from his cab ride into Manhattan.

Noah’s selection means late-night TV continues to be a male-dominated domain. Tina Fey

‘Daily Show’ host Noah discusses his new gig

NEW YORK (AP)—The deal was done only last week, says Trevor Noah, the 31-year-old South African comedian who will take over “The Daily Show” from longtime host Jon Stewart.

Shortly after Comedy Central made the news official Monday, Noah, on a standup comedy tour, discussed his new gig by phone from Dubai.

AP: How do you feel to be taking over soon from Stewart?

Trevor Noah: I don’t think of taking over. I’m joining the team. It’s a huge ship that has won Emmys and Peabodys for a reason, because it’s a fantastic team of writers and producers working to make that show magic. I get to be a part of that now as the host and a face, sharing that space with my fellow correspondents. I feel really confident. All I needed in my life was Jon’s blessing. That’s what I have, so I’m looking

forward to being part of ‘The Best Damn News Show in the World’!

AP: You have a much different background than Stewart. How will that affect the show?

TN: One thing we both share: We are both progressives. Obviously where you’re from may inform a lot of your decisions. But traveling the world I’ve learned that progressives, regardless of their locations, think in a global space. And although I happen to be a guy who’s not from the same place that Jon’s from, I’ve lived in America for years before I went back out on the road, and I’ve learned to love the place. I’ll bring something different because I am different, but because it’s a team, it’ll be the same as well.

AP: You may not have heard: There’s a big U.S. election coming up. Are you looking forward to addressing that on the show?

TN: (laughing): I love the drama around it! That’s going to be fascinating to be part of, this time. And that’s the environment ‘The Daily Show’ thrives in, taking that information and deciphering it and getting it out to everybody in a way that’s not biased in any way, hopefully, where you’re going, “This is the bare bones of what you need to know and how you need to know it, in the funniest way possible.”

AP: Although Stewart has called it a “fake news show,” a lot of people do rely on “The Daily Show” as a primary news source. Will that continue?

TN: When you are honest in your comedy, you have to acknowledge the world that you’re in. Through a comedic voice you’re talking about what needs to be talked about, whether it’s race relations or politics or anything that’s happening on a global or an Ameri-

can scale. That’s exactly the space “The Daily Show” is in.

AP: The late-night talk/comedy realm is pretty crowded. How do you feel to be going up against all that competition?

TN: “Against” is a very strong term. Maybe it’s because I come from a very utopian world of being a comedian, but I’m used to many live comedy performances going on in any city I’m in, and each of us is trying to be the best at what we do. I don’t think of it as a competition so much as a thriving comedy economy. And now I’m joining on a show with one of the best teams in the world.

AP: How involved will Stewart be in the show once you arrive?

TN: What’s great for me is, I have in him a mentor and a friend who I can call on, who can give me advice—a fellow comedian, at the end of the day.

Attorney: Robin Williams' wife wants his wedding tuxedo

By SUDHIN THANAWALA
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—The wife and adult children of Robin Williams agreed Monday to meet outside court to try to resolve their dispute over a tuxedo he was married in, photographs taken on his 60th birthday and other items belonging to the late actor.

San Francisco Superior Court Judge Andrew Cheng told lawyers for both sides during a hearing to meet before April 10 and enlist the

Prince William starts work as helicopter ambulance pilot

LONDON (AP)—Britain's Prince William has started his new job—working as air ambulance helicopter pilot.

Kensington Palace says William began work Monday for Bond Air Services, a helicopter operator that serves East Anglian Air Ambulance. He will undertake job training in the next few months—including simulator, aircraft and in-flight skills training—and start piloting missions in the summer.

William, 32, passed his Air

Shirley Temple memorabilia goes on tour before July auction

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Costumes, toys, photos and autographs from Shirley Temple's 1930s film career are coming to a city near you.



Temple Black

A spokeswoman for the late actress said Monday that a collection of keepsakes from Temple's time in Hollywood will be exhibited at museums across the country before being put up for auction in July.

Publicist Cheryl Kagan says the traveling exhibition will begin April 30 at the

help of a mediator if necessary before returning to court.

In papers filed in December, Susan Williams said the contents of the home she shared with Robin Williams should be excluded from the things the actor left his children from previous marriages.

She also claimed some of her husband's personal items were taken without her permission.

Williams' children countered that Susan Williams was "adding insult to a terrible injury" by trying to change the trust agreement and rob them of items that

their father clearly intended them to have.

They said the belongings include clothing, watches, photos taken prior to his marriage to Susan Williams, and memorabilia and entertainment awards.

Attorney Jim Wagstaffe told the judge that Susan Williams

has agreed with how hundreds of items should be distributed and was trying to amicably resolve problems involving others. He also said she wants their wedding presents.

"I think we can work our way through this," Wagstaffe said.

Attorney Meredith Bushnell,

who is representing Robin Williams' children Zachary, Zelda and Cody, said the public dispute has been excruciating for her clients.

"We would like to see this wrapped up as soon as possible, so they can move on with their lives and continue the griev-

ing process," the attorney told Judge Cheng.

Robin Williams died in August at his home in Tiburon in the San Francisco Bay Area. The coroner ruled his death a suicide. The actor's wife has said he struggled with depression, anxiety and a diagnosis of Parkinson's disease.

Susan Williams is also seeking clarity on assets and money that will go into a reserve account that she says Robin Williams intended to help pay for maintenance of their home, Wagstaffe said.

The lawyer added that a judge might have to decide what constitutes memorabilia in the dispute.

Andrew Bassak, an attorney for trustees overseeing the estate, argued that the court does not have jurisdiction over the dispute.

Robin Williams was an intensely private individual who gave the trustees absolute discretion over how his personal property was to be distributed, Bassak said.



In this Nov. 13, 2011 file photo, Susan Schneider, from left, Robin Williams, and Zelda Williams arrive at the premiere of "Happy Feet Two" at Grauman's Chinese Theater, in Los Angeles.

AP

Aidan Gillen of 'Game of Thrones' narrating 'The Art of War'

NEW YORK (AP)—A new audiobook recording of Sun Tzu's "The Art of War" will soon be available with the perfect narrator—the scheming royal adviser Littlefinger from "Game of Thrones."

Audible Inc., the world's largest seller of downloadable audiobooks, is getting ready to release a new version of the Chinese military strategist's advice featuring the narration of Aidan Gillen, who plays Lord Petyr Baelish on the

HBO hit show.

It will be available Tuesday.

Gillen sees a connection between the book and TV show. "There's no way the writing staff of 'Game of Thrones' haven't read 'The Art of War,'" he wrote by email. "There's definitely an influence on 'Game of Thrones' from this book in both



Gillen

strategies."

"The Art of War" is one of the world's most revered books on strategy, emphasizing flexibility, postponing attack until circumstances are in your favor and urging readers to exploit any weaknesses. Many of its lessons have been adopted by the business community.

The Irish-born Gillen's credits include "The Dark Knight

Irvine Welsh, Joseph O'Neill up for comic-writing prize

LONDON (AP)—Scottish novelist Irvine Welsh and Irish-American author Joseph O'Neill are among the finalists for a comic-writing award whose prize includes a bottle of champagne and a pig.

Welsh's scabrous "A De-

cent Ride" and O'Neill's Dubai-set "The Dog" are nominees for the Bollinger Everyman Wodehouse Prize for comic fiction. The other finalists are "Fatty O'Leary's Dinner Party" by Alexander McCall Smith; Helen

Lederer's "Losing It"; Nina Stibbe's "Man at the Helm"; and Caitlin Moran's "How to Build a Girl."

Previous winners of the prize, named for the late comic novelist P.G. Wodehouse, include Ian McEwan and the late Terry

Pratchett.

The winner will be announced in May. The victorious author will receive a jeroboam of Bollinger champagne, a set of Wodehouse novels from Everyman's Library and a Gloucestershire Old Spot pig.

Today is a day to celebrate biting gators and big tonsils

DEAR READERS: In honor of April Fools' Day, I'll share a couple of offbeat letters I've received from readers who have attempted to pull my proverbial leg. Enjoy!

DEAR ABBY: I'm writing to brag about my boyfriend. He's a semi-professional alligator wrestler and super brave. It's a tough job and it takes him away from home a lot. It's also a very dangerous job. He often comes home with bite marks all over his neck and shoulders, and scratches on his back.

Want to know something weird about alligators? Their natural odor smells a lot like perfume. When my beau gets back from a tournament, he often reeks of it. The first time I smelted it on him, I was worried. But after he explained it to me, it made perfect sense. (Just another one of life's coincidences, I guess.)

We're so happy together. We have four beautiful children, and he promises we'll get married soon—right after the next tournament. I know you get lots of letters about bad relationships, so I thought I'd let you hear about a good one.

GATOR GIRL IN FLORIDA

DEAR GATOR GIRL: That's a good one, all right. You may have thought you smelled perfume, but I smell a rat. Be glad your boyfriend doesn't wrestle cougars because I hear they wear indelible lipstick.

DEAR ABBY: A teacher at our high school took some time off to get a breast augmentation. Before she left, she told the class she was having her tonsils out. When she returned to the classroom with a larger chest, one of the students cracked, "Nice tonsils!" Of course, the class roared. What do you think about this?

GEORGE IN SOUTH CAROLINA

DEAR GEORGE: I think that unless her students pay more attention to what she's teaching and less to her chest, they may be earning double D's.

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And now ... back to work:

DEAR ABBY: When does an extramarital affair actually start? Is it when the two parties involved do the mattress mambo, their first kiss, or is it sooner?

CLUELESS WIFE IN CANADA

DEAR CLUELESS: A love affair involves more than having sex. An extramarital affair begins as soon as a man or woman starts sneaking around and lying to his or her mate.

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DEAR ABBY: Please settle an argument my ex-husband and I still have. Over the course of our marriage, we had problems. One night we had a nasty spat, after which he moved out and never

DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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returned. He claims I should have asked him to move back in. My response has always been that he chose to leave, so I shouldn't have had to beg him to come back. Your opinion, please?

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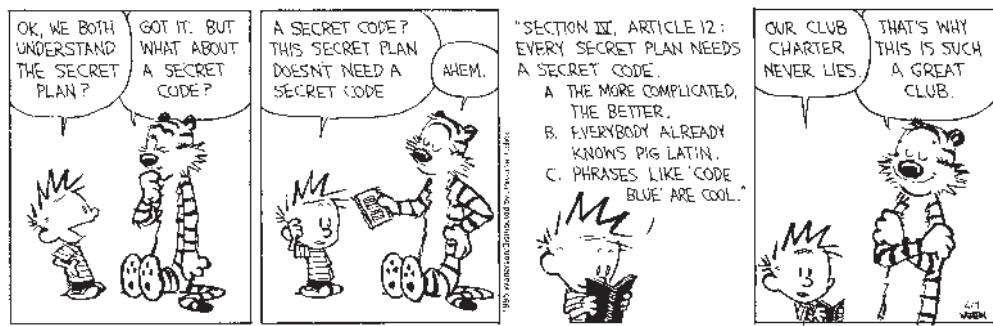
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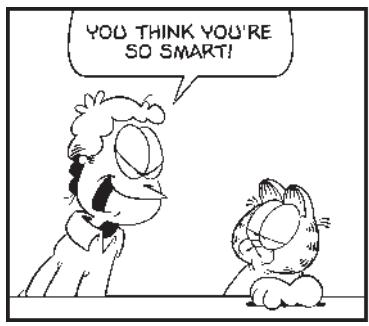
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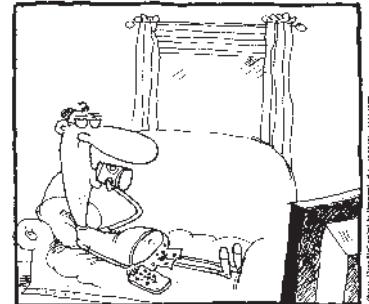
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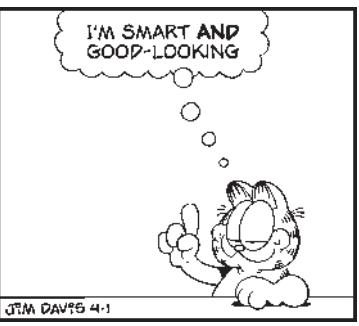


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Bradley scores 30, Celtics defeat Hornets 116-104



CHARLOTTE, North Carolina (AP)—Avery Bradley had 30 points and eight rebounds as the Boston Celtics beat the Charlotte Hornets 116-104 on Monday night for an important Eastern Conference victory.

Evan Turner scored 15 points as the Celtics won for the 10th time in the last 16 games. Jae Crowder and Marcus Smart each had 14 points.

Boston moved back into eighth place in the conference standings, a few percentage points ahead of Brooklyn in the battle for the East's final playoff spot.

Kemba Walker led a furious fourth-quarter comeback that fell short, finishing with 28 points and 12 assists. Gerald Henderson added 17 points for Charlotte, which has dropped four of its last five games.

Charlotte's loss clinched a second straight playoff berth for the Washington Wizards.

Raptors 99, Rockets 96

In Toronto, DeMar DeRozan scored a career-high 42 points and tied his career best with 11 rebounds as the Raptors earned their eighth straight home victory over the Rockets.

DeRozan made a go-ahead turnaround bank shot with 1:27 left, and then closed out the win with a jumper over James Harden with 18 seconds to go. He made 14 of 27 attempts from the floor and 12 of 17 at the free-throw line.

Jonas Valanciunas scored 15 points for Toronto, and Lou

Williams had 13.

Harden scored 31 for the Rockets, who had won four in a row. Trevor Ariza had 15 points, and Corey Brewer finished with 13.

Houston has not won north of the border since a 114-100 victory on March 16, 2007.

Trail Blazers 109, Suns 86

In Portland, Oregon, Damian Lillard scored 19 points before sitting the final quarter, and Portland secured a playoff berth.

The Blazers have won four straight to edge closer to their first Northwest Division title since 2008-09.

LaMarcus Aldridge added 17 points and seven rebounds, and Portland led by as many as 31 points. The Blazers rested their starters in the fourth quarter after building a 92-65 lead.

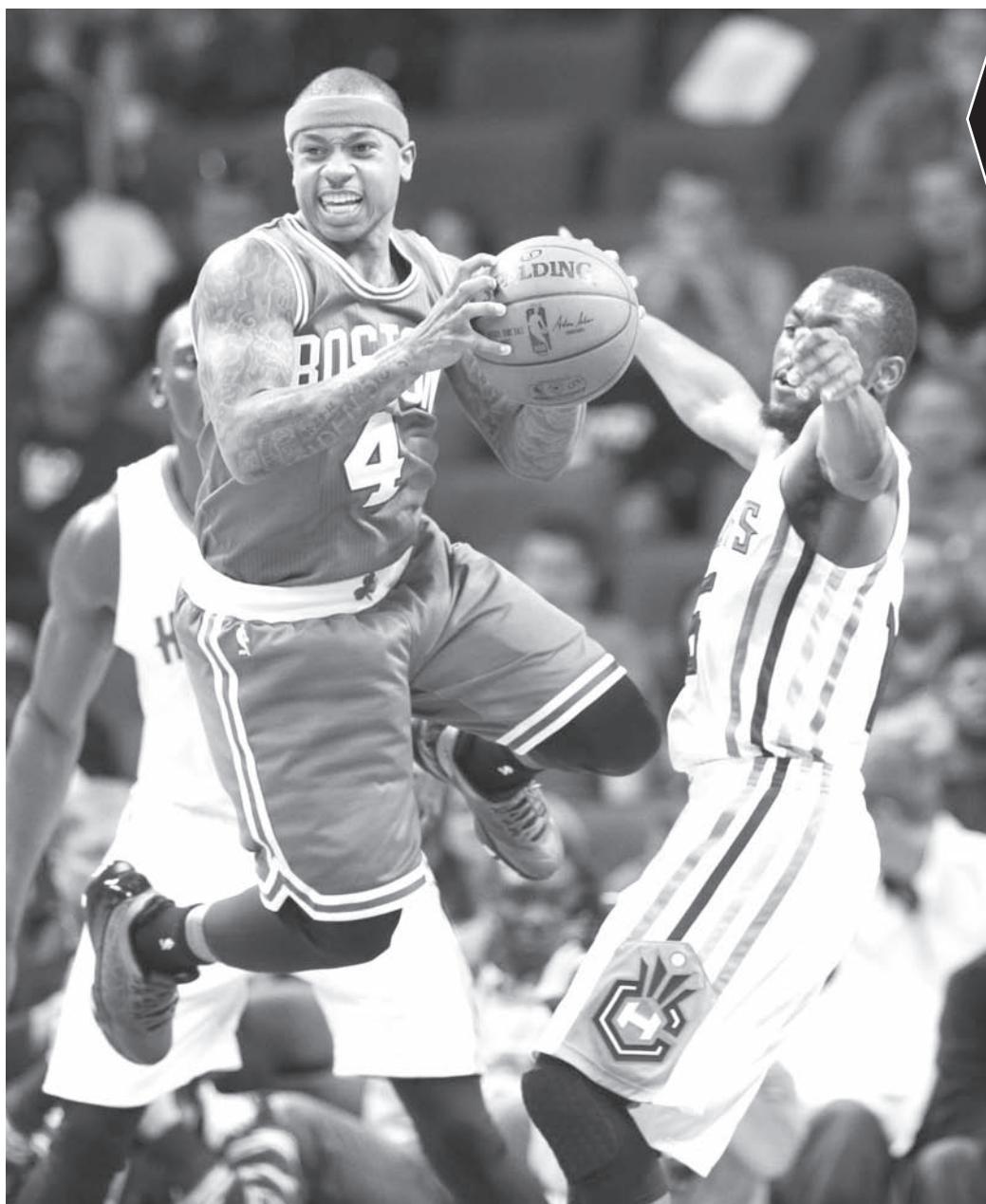
The Suns have lost four straight, and while they are mathematically in the playoff picture, their chances are dwindling. Phoenix plays six of its last eight games on the road.

Gerald Green and rookie T.J. Warren each scored 13 points in the Suns' seventh loss by 20 or more points this season.

Hawks 101, Bucks 88

In Atlanta, DeMarre Carroll scored 23 points and Kyle Korver put on quite a shooting display in the third quarter, carrying Atlanta to the win.

Having clinched the top seed in the Eastern Conference, the Hawks are trying to maintain their playing edge while staying healthy for the final two weeks of the regular season. This



AP
Boston Celtics' Isaiah Thomas (4) looks to pass as Charlotte Hornets' Kemba Walker (15) defends during the second half of an NBA basketball game in Charlotte, N.C., Monday, March 30, 2015.

Grizzlies 97, Kings 83

In Memphis, Tennessee, Mike Conley scored 18 points, Jeff Green had 16 and Memphis ended a three-game losing streak.

The Grizzlies moved back into the second spot in the Western Conference playoff race by a half-game over the Houston Rockets, who lost 99-96 at Toronto.

Zach Randolph scored 15 points for Memphis, and Marc Gasol had eight points and 11 rebounds. Kosta Koufos grabbed a season-high 12 boards as the Grizzlies outrebounded Sacramento 45-41.

Rudy Gay led the Kings with 24 points before leaving in the third quarter with a head injury. Ray McCallum had 12 points and Derrick Williams finished with 10.

The Kings played without leading scorer DeMarcus Cousins, who was rested by the team.

Lakers 113, 76ers 111, OT

In Philadelphia, Jordan Clarkson made the tiebreaking basket with 0.7 seconds left in overtime, lifting the Lakers past the 76ers in a matchup of two of the NBA's worst teams.

Clarkson scored 26 points and Jabari Brown finished with 22 for Los Angeles (20-53). Wayne Ellington added seven of his 20 points in OT, including a 3-pointer that put the Lakers up 111-105 with 1:25 left.

Rookie Nerlens Noel led the 76ers (18-57) with 19 points and 14 rebounds for his ninth double-double of the month. He scored six points in the final minute of overtime to tie the game at 111.

Philadelphia point guard Isaiah Canaan scored 18 points, including 10 in the fourth quarter. Ish Smith added 17, hitting a go-ahead layup with 31 seconds left in regulation that put Philly up 100-98.

Jazz 104, Timberwolves 84

In Minneapolis, Gordon Hayward scored 22 points, reserve Trey Burke had 19 and the Jazz got the road win.

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Jameis Winston working to leave off-field problems behind



TAMPA, Fla. (AP)—Jameis Winston has spent much of the past two months crisscrossing the nation, sharpening his quarterback skills and trying to convince NFL teams he's learned from mistakes made off the field and ready to become the face of a franchise.

A lot of his effort was geared toward the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, who have the first pick this year's NFL draft.

Heading into Winston's pro day at Florida State on Tuesday, by all accounts the 2013 Heisman winner has made a strong impression.

All the Bucs' decision-makers, coach Lovie Smith, general manager Jason Licht, and—maybe even more importantly—the Glazer family, which owns the team, appear to be comfortable with Winston's history of off-the-field issues.

"I realize he has made some mistakes, gotten himself in some situations he would like to do over, but we don't see anything that we can't help him with," Smith said during last

week's NFL spring meetings in Phoenix, Arizona.

"We think that's behind him, and that's why we feel comfortable," the coach added. "You can't indict young people for some stupid things that they do. We all clean up."

Winston made it a point to show he's capable of doing just that, despite his checkered past.

He faced a sexual assault allegation, but was never charged in the alleged incident. He walked out of a supermarket without paying for \$32 worth of crab legs and suspended three baseball games, then missed a football game after climbing on a table in the FSU student union and shouting an "offensive and vulgar" comment about women.

Winston hasn't shied away from questions about his past.

In addition to being interviewed by Tampa Bay and other teams during the NFL Combine in Indianapolis, Indiana, the 20-year-old visited and toured the Bucs headquarters in March, meeting with Smith, Licht and the three Glazer brothers who run the team.

Winston also requested—and received—a meeting this month with NFL commissioner Roger Goodell in New York.

The young quarterback is represented by The Legacy Agency, whose high-profile football clients include running backs DeMarco Murray and Reggie Bush.

He has said he does not plan to attend the draft in Chicago, instead choosing to stay home in Alabama to enjoy the occasion with family and friends.

Bucs co-chairman Joel Glazier told the Tampa Tribune and Tampa Bay Times during the meetings in Phoenix that—based on extensive research Tampa Bay has done—the owners would be comfortable with using the No. 1 pick on either Winston or 2014 Heisman winner Marcus Mariota, the draft's other top quarterback prospect.

Smith reiterated his belief that Winston's off-field missteps have been more the result of the quarterback making immature choices than Winston being a bad kid.

"We are saying that he's done

some things that are not OK, and we don't feel like in the future he would make those same type of decisions," the coach said. "You have to look in the eye and feel comfortable with the answers you're getting. He's admitted the mistakes he's made, and I'm one who believes in second chances."

With everyone signing off on any character questions, that would make it simply a football decision.

Winston has worked this winter in San Diego, California, with private quarterbacks tutor George Whitfield, spent time in Ann Arbor, Michigan, with former San Francisco 49ers and current Michigan coach Jim Harbaugh, and also showcased his arm and athletic ability at the NFL Combine last month.

Teams will get their next close-up view Tuesday, when Winston will throw to some of his college teammates during Florida State's pro day in Tallahassee, Florida.

There seems to be no debate, however, over Winston's potential. He's a quarterback who completed 66 percent of his

passes for nearly 8,000 yards and 65 touchdowns in two college seasons.

And Tampa Bay, which hasn't made the playoffs since 2007, absolutely needs a quarterback.

The Bucs, coming off a season in which they went 2-14 and ranked 30th in total offense, haven't had the first overall pick in the draft since 1987, when they took Vinny Testaverde. He had a long, successful career that didn't really take off until after the team gave up on him becoming the franchise QB they've never had.

Winston was 26-1 as a starter in college, leading Florida State to a national championship as a red-shirt freshman and helping the Seminoles earn a spot in the inaugural College Football Playoffs last season.

Setting the stage for the possible selection of Winston or Mariota, who also visited One Buc Place this month, Tampa Bay released incumbent starter Josh McCown with a year left on the contract he signed as a free agent in 2014.

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A year later than expected, Michigan St back in Final Four



DETROIT
(AP)—Michigan State's run to the Final Four came one season later than expected, and that's part of the reason coach Tom Izzo is enjoying it so much.

"Last year we were picked by the president and everyone else, and we didn't get out of the Elite Eight," Izzo said Monday. "It doesn't matter who picks us and who doesn't, I just appreciate the respect our program has gotten. Being where we are this year, I think we're still respected, and that's all that matters to me."

Since taking over the Michigan State program in 1995, Izzo had never gone more than three seasons without a Final Four appearance until his 2014 team fell a game short. The Spartans lost three key players from last year—first-round draft picks Gary Harris and Adreian Payne, as well as point guard Keith Appling—but the holdovers took that disappointment to heart. Now, this largely unheralded group is back on college basketball's biggest stage, the obvious underdog at a Final Four that includes unbeaten Kentucky and two other No. 1 seeds.

"We got here the hard way," Izzo said. "We earned our way



AP
Michigan State head coach Tom Izzo, center front, celebrates with his team after the regional final against Louisville in the NCAA men's college basketball tournament Sunday, March 29, 2015, in Syracuse, N.Y. Michigan State won the game 76-70.

here."

Although the Spartans were a No. 4 seed last season, they were a chic pick to win it all

after overcoming injury problems and rolling through the Big Ten Tournament. Even President Barack Obama pen-

ciled the Spartans in for the national title, but a loss to seventh-seeded Connecticut in the regional finals ended that pursuit.

The 2014 Spartans were supposed to be one of Izzo's better teams, but even the coach they call "Tournament Tom" endures a postseason setback every now and then. After the loss to UConn, expectations were tempered for this season, and as Michigan State struggled a bit in January and early February, the Spartans looked like a probable NCAA Tournament team, but not much more.

"There came a point in the year where it was just us, just the people in our locker room and our program," guard Travis Trice said. "I'm just more

happy for us as a whole. We stuck together. We could have quit. We could have rolled over and died, but we didn't. We just kept fighting."

There were a few signs all along that this team had potential.

Michigan State lost tight games to Kansas, Notre Dame and Maryland, an indication that the Spartans could play on the same level as those teams. After a loss at home to Illinois on Feb. 7, the Spartans went on the road and beat Northwestern by 24, and Izzo began to notice some encouraging signs.

"We went on the road to Northwestern. We had Ohio State, at Michigan, at Illinois. We won all four of those games," Izzo said. "We gained

a little confidence. We gained a little toughness during that stretch. I thought that turned us a little bit."

The Spartans won six of their last eight games in the regular season, and then reached the Big Ten title game, where they nearly upset Wisconsin before falling in overtime.

Michigan State seemed to be headed in the right direction, and after the seventh-seeded Spartans upset second-seeded Virginia in the NCAA Tournament, they became legitimate Final Four contenders.

"Tom is as good as there is. Not just a coach, but he's a great guy," Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski said. "Nothing surprises me that he and his program would do. They don't have a team, they have a program. As he develops each team, I don't know what the timeframe of it is until that group understands what the program is about, whether it be offense, defense or just character-wise, but they're going to keep improving."

Now Izzo and Krzyzewski will face each other in Saturday night's national semifinals. It's a rematch of a game Duke won 81-71 back in November, but that's part of a regular season that now seems like ancient history for the Spartans.

"Probably back around the beginning or early in February is when I said, 'This team has a chance to make a run.' Did I think it would be this deep a run? No, I can't say I did," Izzo said. "But I'm very proud. That's what makes me prouder of them. They even surprised me a little bit."

Georgia State's R.J. Hunter entering NBA draft

ATLANTA (AP)—R.J. Hunter ensured his legacy at Georgia State by hitting one of the most memorable shots in the NCAA tournament.

His next shot will be in the NBA.

Georgia State's junior guard announced Monday he is entering the draft, saying he had reached all his goals at the college level. He plans to sign with an agent shortly and has been projected as a mid-to-late pick in the first round.

"Once I felt like my time was up and the script was written, it was time for me to move on," Hunter said. "I just felt like I gave all I could possibly give at this level."

The move was expected after he won his second straight Sun Belt Conference player of the year award and led the Panthers to their first NCAA appearance since 2001, all while playing for his father, Georgia State coach Ron Hunter.

In the opening tournament game against third-seeded Baylor, the Panthers trailed by 12 points with less than 3 minutes left. Hunter struggled much of the contest but suddenly got hot, capping a remarkable comeback by hitting a long 3-pointer that gave the Panthers a 57-56 victory.

The shot sent the elder Hunter tumbling off the rolling chair he was forced to use on the sideline after tearing his

Achilles tendon while celebrating the Sun Belt title, an image that turned both father and son into huge celebrities during the early days of the tournament.

Georgia State's season ended two days later with a 75-67 loss to Xavier.

Ron Hunter broke down in tears while talking about the joy of experiencing the tournament with his son. The coach, still using a push scooter to get around on his injured leg, said Monday that he looks forward to being solely R.J.'s father after coaching him the last three years.

"The next time he plays a game, I can go cheer," the coach said.

Hunter said his son likely would have returned to school for his senior season if the Panthers had missed out on the NCAA Tournament. They barely got in, beating Georgia Southern 38-36 in the Sun Belt championship game.

"That was something we wanted to do together," the coach said.

As it turned out, R.J. had some qualms about leaving Georgia State after the hoopla generated by the win over Baylor.

"The tournament made it hard because I felt so connected to the school," he said.

But R.J. had pretty much decided last week he was entering the draft, and he made it official by telling his parents at dinner Sunday night.

He shed some tears Monday morning when he broke the news to his teammates.

Ron Hunter compared his son to long-range shooters such as Golden State stars Stephen Curry and Klay Thompson, but added that R.J. needs to improve his defense and ball-handling, as well as put more muscle on his slender 6-foot-6 frame. He is listed at 190 pounds.

After averaging 19.7 points a game this season and 18.4 for his career, Hunter plans to finish the semester at Georgia State and has assured his parents he will complete his degree in human growth and development. Standing on the court at the GSU Sports Arena, he looked up toward vacant spot in the corner of the roof, where there's room to put up a banner for his No. 22 as long as he gets his degree.

"I always felt like that space was there for me," Hunter said.

Even though Georgia State is losing its two leading scorers, Hunter and Ryan Harrow, pretty much everyone else returns next season. They will be joined by a couple of prominent transfers, including former Indiana player Jeremy Hollowell, which should help the Panthers remain one of the top teams in the Sun Belt.

"They don't need me here," Hunter said. "Seriously. There are some good players here."

Source: Mullin to replace Lavin at St. John's

NEW YORK (AP)—St. John's has decided its basketball future rests with the best of its past.

Chris Mullin, St. John's all-time leading scorer and still the face of its basketball program three decades after his career ended, has agreed to coach the Red Storm, a person with knowledge of the discussions told The Associated Press on Monday.

The person spoke on condition of anonymity because there was no formal announcement.

Mullin, who led St. John's to the Final Four in 1985, has never coached at any level. He replaces Steve Lavin who agreed to leave last week, after five seasons during which the Red Storm reached the NCAA Tournament twice.

Lavin had an 81-55 record at

St. John's and the Red Storm went to the NCAA Tournament in his first and last seasons. His teams compiled a 2-9 postseason record in the Big East Tournament, NCAA and NIT. Lavin had one year left on his original six-year contract.

Mullin, a New York native, was a five-time All-Star with Golden State, a member of the USA's gold-medal winning "Dream Team" in 1992 and was inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in 2011. He was presented for induction by his coach at St. John's, Hall of Famer Lou Carneseca.

"This is a great day for St. John's, the whole university," Carneseca said Monday. "He has always represented St. John's well and I'm sure he'll

do a fine job as coach. People seem to be worried about his lack of coaching experience but how many people have had the basketball education he has?"

It was during Mullin's years at St. John's that the program enjoyed its greatest days. Mullin and Georgetown's Patrick Ewing were the key parts of the early domination of the Big East Conference. In 1985 the Big East had three Final Four teams, St. John's, Georgetown and national champion Villanova. The Redmen and Hoyas were both ranked No. 1 during the season.

Mullin and his sweet left-handed jumper became part of the lore of New York City basketball.

The agreement was first reported by CBS Sports Network.

Studded bicycle snow tires fit Xterra terrain

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Aleksandr Dorovskikh's decision to bring his bicycle with studded snow tires worked to his advantage, as the cyclist-turned-triathlete had no difficulty in negotiating the wet and muddy bike leg of last Saturday's Xterra Saipan Championship.

Dorovskikh also brought two other bikes, a road bike that he used for the 26th Tagaman Triathlon, and another mountain bike for dry terrain.

"I tried to experiment with the tires. I decided to use the same tires designed for snow courses when I ride in Alaska," said Dorovskikh through interpreter and Marianas Visitors Authority marketing specialist Tatiana Babauta.

Continuous rain in the early morning of race day made the bike and run course wet and muddy giving most of the participants a hard time in maneuvering their respective moun-



Despite the slight advantage in the bike leg, Dorovskikh said that he wasn't satisfied with his time and finish.

"It was dry when I was training but it rained really hard on Saturday. I also failed to release some air pressure in my tires and I regret for not doing that. If I've released some air, the result would have been different."

Dorovskikh placed fifth after Saturday's race, completing the rain-soaked course in 2:55:51 or 15:26 behind eventual winner Ben Allen of Australia, who collected his fourth straight Xterra Saipan crown.

He said that competing in triathlon or other cycling races was his personal exam. "I would

Jeremiah barges into win column

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Jeremiah won the battle of winless team after topping Samuel, 67-56, in the second match in the 4th Genesis Cup Christian Churches Inter-Color Basketball League last Monday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

The victory snapped Jeremiah's five-game losing skid and moved the squad to the No. 7 spot in the team standings. Samuel remained at the cellar with its 0-6 record.

Jeremiah finally barged into the win column after outgunning Samuel in the last 15 minutes of the second half. Jeremiah was still behind, 41-43, when it launched a pivotal 15-2 run capped by Ramsa Tenepere's



triple. Tenepere scored 10 in that rally to give Jeremiah its first taste of a double-digit lead, 56-45, 7:45 left on the clock.

Jeremiah managed to steal the lead from Samuel and increase its advantage as Tenepere also drew help from Edgar Deang, Raymond Casuncad, Jay Nunag, and Vic Formales, who drilled at least two baskets apiece in the second half.

Samuel failed to regain the upper hand in the final frame, as it only sliced the deficit to as low as 7 points, 51-58. It could have moved closer if not for its several misses on fastbreak layups. Ronnie Guevarra, who top-scored for Samuel with his 12 points, muffed two point-blanked shots, while two of his teammates also faltered easy attempts.

Another triple from Tenepere brought Jeremiah's lead back to twin digits, 63-51, and sealed the win with only two minutes left in the game.

Tenepere led all scorers with his 25 points, while five of his teammates added at least 6 points each and combined for 36 markers.

Meanwhile, league-leading and defending champion Daniel moved one win away from sweeping the regular season after defeating Isaiah, 70-60.

Angelo Hernaez lifted Daniel to its sixth straight victory after sizzling for 27 points. He showed consistency on offense all throughout the match, scoring a baker's dozen in the first half and 14 in the second. Young gun Andrew Palino and veteran Dindo Pablo supported Hernaez, scoring 17 and 15 markers, respectively.

Walter Brillo had 18 to pace

Isaiah, which slid from second to third place, as it lost its last two matches after an impressive 4-0 start.

First Game

Daniel 80 – Hernaez 27, Paine 17, Pablo 15, Del Carmen 7, Nunez 6, Del Rio 6, Jason 2.

Isaiah 70 – Brillo 18, Ibanez 16, Gragasin 11, De Leon 7, Estanislao 6, Puno 6, Cortez 4.

Scoring by halves: 40-34, 80-70.

Second Game

Jeremiah 67 – Tenepere 25, Nunag 9, Lizardo 8, Deang 7, Cabaoas 6, Lansangan 6, Formales 4, Casuncad 2.

Samuel 56 – Guevarra 12, Reyes 11, Badal 9, Samonte 6, Bonquin 6, Ponce 4, Bordon 4, Belgado 4.

Scoring by quarters: 28-31, 67-56.

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know where my level is at with training and what areas I need to improve. At the same time I enjoy the challenge."

"I need to work on my swimming and for one year I worked with a pro swimmer. I'm more used to road bikes, I need to also learn more on riding a mountain bike. I still need to learn and improve on its technical side, especially in the trails," said Dorovskikh.

The Khabarovsk City, a part of eastern Russia, native said he got curious about Saipan when 2007 Xterra Saipan eighth

place finisher Sergey Makarenko shared stories of his experience in the CNMI.

He will next prepare physically and mentally for the Sochi Ironman in September since he has no plans of competing in the Xterra World Championships in Maui, Hawaii in October.

Dorovskikh placed ninth out of 13 in his first time to compete as a pro in last year's Xterra with a time of 3:01:14. He topped the 25-29 age group, and second overall, in 2013 completing the course in 3:19:51.



JON PEREZ

Aleksandr Dorovskikh poses with his studded-snow tire bicycle after meeting with members of the media yesterday at the Marianas Visitors Authority's office in San Jose.

Perez boosts bid for Golden Boot award

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Tan Holdings Football Club's Sean Perez is way ahead in the race for the Golden Boot award as he has collected 10 goals in four games in the boys U18 division of the 2015 NMIFA Youth Spring League.



Completing the scoring list as of March 21 are Paire's Jefferson Sagum, J.C. Piring, and Ensik Choi, MP United's Kyle Chung, Chan Woo Jeong, Sunjoon Tenorio, and Dakota Hall, and Tan Holdings' Kautong Omengkar and Cosmos Kim. All nine has tallied one goal each.

Tan Holdings leads the division with its unbeaten 4-0-0 win-draw-loss record (results of March 28 matches not included). In four games, division leaders has scored 25 goals and allowed only five.

MP United is at close second with its 3-0-1 card, having earned four goals and given up four. Matansa is ranked third with its 1-0-3 slate and nine goals scored, while Paire has yet to win this season and has collected only four goals, while allowing three.

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thought of trying to fight back after this, and just end up on the short end of the stick, I would rather quit while I'm ahead," Alvarez quoted Camacho.

Alvarez said that although his many fans around the region and around the world will be devastated, Camacho wanted to express his appreciation and love for nearly a decade of support that has seen him grow both physically as a dominant warrior, mentally as a person, and

spiritually as a role model for many young people here in the islands.

"He plans on telling those very fans those sentiments, as well as making his decision official this Wednesday," said Alvarez.

Camacho, who was born in Guam but raised on Saipan, is retiring with a win-loss record of 15-3. He made his debut in Nov. 26, 2005, with a first round submission victory against Bernie Neth in Trench Warz 1: Fight Night.

Editor's note: Poisson D'Avril is April Fools in French.

The Yankees used four pitchers and Franco Flores, Ben Cabrera, Dung Tenorio, and Chris Camacho combining for 10 hits, no strikeouts, and three walks. Flores was tagged with one earned run.

The Falcons try to wrap up the series on Monday, April 6, since no game will be played on Good Friday, April 3. The Brewers hope to close out their own semis series against the Fielders tonight.

who in the past years has helped the Commonwealth netters dominate the North Pacific Regional Championships and qualify to the Pacific Oceania Junior Championships.

"The next step is to have our players compete in more Junior ITF events and that will be a challenge because it requires a lot of money and travelling, just like that Tammy has been doing," Race added.

The 15-year-old Ackerman has the highest ranking achieved among the five, moving to as high No. 951 in January this year. She is competing around Asia and so far has collected 32.5 ranking points (singles and doubles combined) and is currently ranked No. 1,007.

In singles, she has tallied 20 points, 10 of them came from

Round of 16 stint in the Chang Thailand ITF Juniors G4 and 5 each from Rajshahi International Junior Tennis Championships 2014 in Bangladesh and 50th Brunei ITF Junior Circuit where she also made it to the Round of 16.

In doubles, Ackerman received 15 points from her runner-up finish in the Rajshahi International Junior Tennis Championships, 10 apiece in Indonesia's AGS 2 International Junior Championships G4 and Widjaja Soejono (quarterfinals) and 28th Bangladesh ITF Junior Tennis Championships, and 5 in the IT&E Northern Marianas Junior Championships.

Overall, Ackerman has a 6-14 record in singles and 10-16 in doubles.

The two other female CNMI

advancing to the quarterfinals of last year's IT&E Northern Marianas Junior Championships. They won over Japan's Haruka Okawara and Minori Otsuka, 6-3, 6-4, before falling to Ayano Shimizu and Yurie Takanishi, 1-6, 3-6, in the quarterfinals.

Lopez, who had his highest ranking at No. 1,580 after the IT&E-sponsored event, also made it to the main draw of the singles, but lost to Hong Kong's Venia Yeung in the first round, 4-6, 0-6. She is currently ranked No. 2,076, tied with Rastguir, who missed the main draw of the IT&E contest and was once at No. 1,956 after their doubles win.

In the boys division, Choi was once ranked at No. 1,793 after he teamed up with Amano Sakano in beating Eikoh Hayashi and Jake Lee, 6-4, 6-1, in the Round of 16 of the

IT&E tournament. Choi also joined the singles event in the Saipan-hosted Junior ITF event and the Guam Junior ITF, but was eliminated in the opening round of both competitions.

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5 players get Junior ITF rankings points

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Five CNMI players made it to the Junior ITF world ranking list.

“The CNMI has more ITF world ranked players than any other country in Pacific Oceania,” said CNMI coach Jeff Race in an interview with *Saipan Tribune* yesterday.

Thailand-based Tammy Ackerman leads the list of CNMI players making it on the elite list and is joined by Mikayla Lopez, Negahr Rastguyi, Tommy Choi, and Colin Ramsey.

With Ackerman and company earning junior ITF ranking points, the CNMI is ahead of three other Pacific Oceania member countries in the race for the most players with Junior

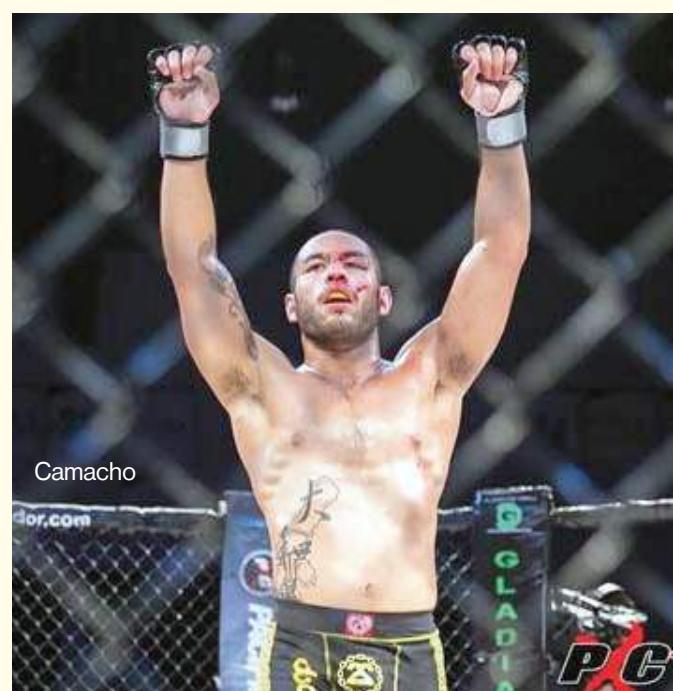


ITF points. New Caledonia has four, while Fiji and Palau only have one each.

“It’s definitely an honor to have several players with Junior ITF ranking points. It speaks a lot about our tennis program. It means we’re doing the right thing here and is heading into the right direction,” said Race,

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‘The Crank’ retires from MMA



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The Marianas' pride Frank “The Crank” Camacho is retiring from mixed martial arts competition, according to Trench Tech Gym president

Justis “Cuki” Alvarez.

“It is with a heavy heart that I have to inform all of you that I have received a message from Frank ‘The Crank’ Camacho via e-mail last night. In it, he shared with me that he plans on announcing

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his retirement from the sport of mixed martial arts,” he said.

Alvarez said Camacho’s impending retirement is probably caused by his loss to Japan’s Yusuke Kasuya in PXC 47 in Guam last March 13.

“He stated that after his heartbreaking loss to Yusuke Kasuya at last month’s PXC event in Guam, despite mentioning that he definitely wanted to come back stronger than ever, he started expressing doubt about his future as a fighter and has since been battling intermittent bouts of depression at times since his submission defeat.”

Alvarez even quoted Camacho as saying that his passion for MMA has simply been extinguished.

“As much as I feel deep down I am a champion, I feel as if the fire has been either lost its light, or might be snuffed out altogether. And rather than deal with the



ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Tammy Ackerman, seen here returning a shot during a photo foot for TAGA Sports late last year, is the highest ranked CNMI player in the Junior ITF.



JON PEREZ
The Yankees’ Chris Camacho prepares to run toward home plate as the Falcons’ Jeremy Atalig waits for the play in Game 1 of their own best-of-three semis series last Monday.

Lizama, Falcons hold down Yankees

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A.J. Lizama tossed a three-hit complete game, while L.J. Norita had three singles in the Falcons’ 14-2 pummeling of the Saipan Stevedore Yankees in Game 1 of their own best-of-three semis series last Monday at the Francisco “Tan Ko” M. Palacios Baseball Field.

Lizama, who finished the regular season with a 1.38 ERA for third place, pitched a complete

game that was shortened by the mercy rule after the Yankees failed to mount a rally in the bottom of the seventh.

He was tagged with one earned run and gave up singles to Brian Camacho, Robert Bansil, and Pete Tomokane in the third, fourth, and sixth innings. He also retired six batters, threw one wild pitch, and hit Chris Camacho by pitch.

The Yankees needed four runs or more to continue the game but Lizama foiled their plans and finished them off in the bottom of the seventh.

Lieto, who also placed fourth in batting with a .436 average, forced Jerome Delos Santos to ground out to shortstop Lamarc Iguel, who fielded it cleanly to third baseman Ned Norita for the first out.

Chris Alepuyo got on base on a Jeremy Atalig throwing error, while Chris Camacho was hit by Lieto’s pitch. Alepuyo moved to third on a wild pitch and scored one of the Yankees’ two runs.

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